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DNA DATABASE IS EXPANDING BY 'STEALTH'

KENT Police have sent DNA samples of more than 120,000 people to the national database, Kent on Sunday can reveal.

Samples include those taken from innocent people, such as victims, witnesses and suspects who have not been convicted of any crime.

Kent Police have been sending samples to the database since it was set up by the Government in 1995. It now holds the details of around 4.5 million people and is the biggest in the world.

The force could not say this week how many samples came from the innocent. Tory MPs and civil liberties groups are calling for an urgent review of its contents.

Damian Green MP, a Conservative frontbench spokesman, told KoS: "I want a proper debate about who should be on it. Entirely innocent people are being put on it and that means the right people are not on it."

A spokeswoman for the Liberty human rights group said recent laws had extended police powers to collect DNA samples from most individuals they come into contact with, even children.

"Having one's DNA kept on a database implies a criminality which may be grossly unfair," said the spokeswoman.

"Rather than creating a DNA database through the back door, the Government should engage in a public debate about the uses and implications of a national database."

EXCLUSIVE

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

A spokesman for the campaign group NO2ID said the idea that people's DNA could be kept on record regardless of whether they had done anything wrong was sinister.

Ian Holton, one of the group's campaigners in Kent, said: "They are collating it by stealth from people who are entirely innocent. What concerns me is that DNA holds a lot of information, such as ethnicity and parentage, which is very sensitive and personal. It is insidious.

"The Government says keeping so much personal data centrally is perfectly safe, but it is an accident waiting to happen."

Prime Minister Gordon Brown made a humbling apology this week after HM Revenue and Customs lost records with the details of 25 million child benefit claimants.

A Parliamentary Answer revealed how many DNA samples Kent Police have sent to the database each year.

In 1995-96, the force sent 856 samples. In 2000-01, 12,026 were sent. The amount reached

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‘We are getting DNA we do not need’

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a peak in 2004-05 when 19,063 DNA profiles were sent.

In 2006-07, the most recent available data, the figure had dropped to 16,825.

The total amount of profiles sent from Kent Police to the database, which is collated by the Home Office, is 123,513.

Police were unable to say how many of the samples belonged to innocent people because those figures were not kept locally.

In a statement, the county constabulary said: “Kent Police, as all forces across the country, send DNA samples to the national DNA database. This may include profiles from victims of crime who have given their permission for these to be added to the database.

“Profiles cannot be taken from victims unless clear permission has been obtained.”

Mr Green, the MP for Ashford, said: “I think the database should be being compiled with the most useful evidence from people who have committed the most serious offences.

“Just because they may be witnesses they are being added and I suspect we are getting a lot of DNA that we do not actually need.”

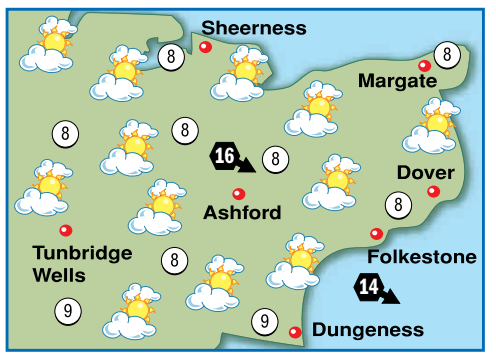
A spokesman for the Home Office said: “Inclusion on the database does not signify a criminal record and there is no personal cost to the individual simply by being on it.

“Given this, and the clear evidence showing the substantial public benefit in relation to the detection of serious crime, it is the judgment of the Government that the existing policy is justified.”

She said that only people arrested, not charged or found not guilty, could apply to the police to have their profile removed.

The database carries details with each of sample of whether the person was a criminal or not.

Kent today



TODAY: Dry and bright with sunny periods and some patchy cloud. A dry and partly clear evening. A moderate north-westerly wind. Max temp 6-9C (43-48F).
TONIGHT: Dry with clear spells at first, but becoming cloudy before dawn. Gentle westerly winds. Min temp 1-4C (34-39F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	fair	5	41	London	cloudy	9	48
Belfast	fair	11	52	Liverpool	fair	9	48
Birmingham	cloudy	8	46	Manchester	fair	7	45
B’mouth	fair	9	48	Newcastle	fair	6	43
Bristol	fair	11	52	Norwich	fair	8	46
Cardiff	cloudy	11	52	Oxford	fair	10	50
Cork	cloudy	10	50	Southsea	fair	10	50
Edinburgh	fair	6	43	S’hampton	cloudy	9	48
Glasgow	fair	7	45	Southport	sun	–	–
Isle of Man	cloudy	10	50	Swansea	cloudy	11	52
Leeds	fair	5	41	Torquay	cloudy	11	52

Sun & moon

Sunrise	7.30am	Sunset	3.54pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	3.59pm	Moonset	9.07am	3.54pm to 7.31am

High Tides

	today				tomorrow			
	ht (m)		ht (m)		ht (m)		ht (m)	
Dover	10.51	6.9	23.22	6.8	11.40	6.8	–	–
Margate	11.56	4.8	–	–	00.25	4.7	12.47	4.9
St Mary’s	04.33	5.9	16.59	5.8	05.20	5.9	17.47	5.7

Week ahead

monday Early rain. max 8C min 6C

tuesday Cloudy. Dry. max 10C min 8C

wednesday Mainly cloudy. max 11C min 7C

thursday Cloudy and wet. max 9C min 6C

friday Cloudy. Rain. max 11C min 7C

saturday Cloudy. Dry. max 11C min 5C

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Estate agents say HIPs are confusing buyers

THE controversial home information packs (HIPs) are causing widespread confusion in the housing market and should be scrapped, say estate agents.

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The Government announced on Thursday the packs would be extended so that they cover all properties from December 14.

Aimed at speeding up the selling process, the packs are meant to help potential buyers decide whether a property is suitable.

They were first introduced in August for four-bedroom homes and extended to three-bedroom properties in September.

But Richard Turell, chairman of the west Kent branch of the National Association of Estate Agents (NAEA), said that HIPs have created more trouble than they have solved.

“I just think it’s still very, very confusing for the consumer, buyers and sellers,” he told Kent on Sunday. “It’s causing general confusion.”

Mr Turell, of Capital Estates in Sidcup, said he was constantly having to explain to people how the packs worked – three months after they came into force.

He said they should be abolished, but believes that will not happen.

“I don’t think they ever would be. The Government’s spent so much money getting them and forcing them through. It would look like they had admitted it’s a failure.

“It’s a shame they didn’t leave it as it was.”

Transactions

Mr Turell said that when HIPs were first mooted they seemed a good idea, but they had been diluted to the extent they do not contain enough information.

Potential buyers are having to do further searches before they are happy, he said.

Neil Boswell, from Caxtons Residential Estate Agency in Canterbury, said HIPs had exacerbated the traditional pre-Christmas slowdown in the property market as owners were less willing to put their house up for sale because of the extra cost.

The packs cost homeowners up to £500.

Christian Miles, of Miles and Barr, which was named Kent Business of the Year 2007, said: “The Government is just ploughing ahead with something that isn’t going to do our industry much good. It has just caused confusion for us, our clients and everybody.”

He added: “I don’t believe HIPs will speed up the transactions.”

A spokesman for the Department for Communities and Local Government defended the packs.

He said: “HIPs are providing more early information into the market for consumers and that’s a good thing.”

And he said the packs helped keep down costs for first-time buyers as they don’t have to pay for the packs.

A new report has highlighted graduates’ struggle to get on the housing ladder.

Nearly six out of 10 of those who graduated ten years ago said they could not afford to take out a mortgage.

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FA man speaks about sacked McClaren

THE Kent member of the FA Board that sacked Steve McClaren has defended the original appointment of the England manager.

Barry Bright, chairman of Kent County Football Association, was one of the members that met on Thursday morning to seal McClaren’s fate after England lost 3-2 against Croatia on Wednesday night, ending the nation’s hopes of qualifying for next year’s European Championships.

Mr Bright, 60, told Kent on Sunday that he was “deeply disappointed” by the result.

He said the Board’s decision to sack McClaren was quickly reached.

“It was a unanimous decision by those members of the FA Board who were present. Two weren’t present. I wouldn’t lie and say it took terribly long to take. It didn’t.”

But he defended McClaren’s appointment.

“At the time that was the right decision. It hasn’t worked out as everyone knows.”

And he added: “Hindsight is a wonderful thing. With hindsight we’d have won every World Cup and every European Championship.”

On McClaren’s £2.5m pay-off, he would only say: “We have contractual agreements which are private agreements with private individuals.”

The retired estate agent, who lives in Cobham, near Gravesend, said he had no plans to resign following England’s failure to qualify for Euro 2008, which takes place in Austria and Switzerland next June.

And Mr Bright said it was “too early” to comment on tips for McClaren’s successor, including former Chelsea boss Jose Mourinho.



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Kent crews are being forced to throw fish back into the sea due to restrictions

EU fishing quotas must be changed

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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FISHERMEN are demanding action over EU quotas that force them to throw tonnes of dead fish back into the sea.

Crews in Kent fishing for Dover sole are catching large amounts of cod by accident, which they then have to dump overboard.

They met with Fisheries Minister – and Kent MP – Jonathan Shaw in Ramsgate on Thursday to discuss the problem, which they said is hitting their earnings.

Mr Shaw, Labour MP for Chatham and Aylesford, said he was concerned about the issue of discards.

Tom Brown, secretary of the Thanet Fishermen's Association, said the situation was "terrible".

The EU quotas were brought in to protect fish stocks, but Mr Brown said that cod levels were now much healthier and they had to be changed.

He said it made no sense for fishermen to throw good fish back into the water when stocks were much better.

"It just hurts – the fact we are killing it and throwing it back dead. There's no logic to it."

Mr Brown added: "It's the crew's wages being thrown over the side. It can cost them 50 per cent of their earnings."

There are just under 170 fishermen in Kent, operating 100 boats – half the number of 10 years ago.

Mr Shaw told Kent on Sunday that he would act on the concerns he heard at Thursday's meeting in Ramsgate.

"I will have a look to see what I can do," he said. "I certainly intend to do my very best."

He said North Sea cod had reached higher levels because recovery programmes had been a success.

But he admitted the current practice of throwing thousands of tonnes of fish back into UK seas had to be addressed.

"Discards are a pretty ghastly consequence of the quota regime. The discards issue is something we need to grapple with within the Common Fisheries Policy."

However, he added: "We need to make sure we get the balance between conversation and ensuring the fishermen can catch the fish for their business."





ROUGH WATERS: Jonathan Shaw (holding net) met with fisherman regarding the amount of fish they are forced to throw back in the sea

Mr Shaw said he had met and discussed the issue of discards with EU Fisheries Commissioner Joe Borg, who had agreed action was needed.

Survival

Joss Wiggins, chief fishery officer for the Kent and Essex Sea Fisheries Committee said it discussed the matter of discards during a meeting on Monday.

Established by law in 1890, the committee's role is to manage and protect the region's fisheries.

"The committee was extremely concerned about the situation," said Mr Wiggins.

"It did agree a motion to express a vote of 'no confidence' in the current quota management system and we're requesting a minister to consider an urgent review to ensure the survival of the inshore fleet in Kent and Essex.

"The inshore fleet has seen a decline in its share of the quota and this needs to be addressed."

Mr Wiggins said it was increasingly difficult for smaller boats under 10 metres in length to compete against larger vessel operators working together in producer organisations, which have a larger share of the fish quotas.

Mr Wiggins said Kent fishermen were inevitably catching cod while fishing for Dover sole.

"It cannot be avoided. Cod don't survive well so those that are returned don't stand a very good chance of survival. It would be much more logical to review the whole system to allow a by-catch of cod."

He added: "There are a lot more cod on the fishing grounds – more than we've seen for a long time. It's not to the benefit of anyone to see fish being wasted."

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Foreign counterparts allowed to catch nearly 10 times more

FRENCH fisherman are allowed to catch more than 10 times as much as the British in the English Channel, according to UK Independence Party leader Nigel Farage.

The Euro-MP, who lives in the village of Downe in Bromley borough, said the EU grants France nearly 79 per cent of the Total Allowable Catch of Cod in the Channel, while British fisherman are left to fight over seven per cent.

Mr Farage, who has sat on the European Parliament's fisheries committee for the last seven years, said the rules mean British fishermen are throwing back almost a million tonnes of dead fish, mainly cod, every year.

The situation is "an environmental and economic disaster," he said.

"The Government and environmentalists are arguing over the size of the British cod quotas, yet French ships are in the English Channel, happily catching more than 10 times the British allowance.

"We are talking about British territorial waters where our own fishermen are forbidden from catching cod while the French boats can haul hundreds of tonnes a time."

Mr Farage added: "In Genesis, it says that man should have 'dominion over the fish of the sea', but in 2007, it's apparently the European Commission."

KCC considering change to secondary school admissions

THOUSANDS of parents are being consulted over new plans that would allow them to know if their child has passed the 11-plus exam three months earlier.

Kent County Council is considering changing its secondary school admission process.

Under the revised proposal, children would sit the Kent Test in September and parents would know their results before deciding which secondary schools to apply for.

If the changes are agreed the first group of children affected would be those due to start secondary school in September 2009.

These children would take their tests in September 2008.

Log on to www.kent.gov.uk/consultations to register your comments.

The deadline for submitting comments is December 15. A paper version of the survey is also available from primary schools.

Meanwhile, an academic has labelled grammar schools "ghettos for the advantaged".

Professor David Jesson, from York University, said just two per cent of grammar school pupils receive free school meals – compared to 13 per cent nationally.

"Far from providing 'ladders of opportunity' for pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, grammar schools are more like "ghettos of the advantaged," said the professor.



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SUPERPOWER: Tiananmen Square, in Beijing, China

Politicians go east to attract investment into county

CHINESE high-tech and assembly firms could move to Kent and create 1,000 jobs as part of ambitious new plans.

Senior councillors and officers from Thanet District Council were due to return this weekend from a week-long visit to Hong Kong and Beijing.

They have been meeting with around 30 companies interested in setting up shop at Manston Business Park.

Broadstairs-based property company Commercial Group Properties Plc (CGPP) organised the trip, which was paid for by the Chinese government.

CGPP owns around 80 acres of Manston Business Park, of which 45 could be developed, Ken Wills, the company's chief executive, told this newspaper.

He said that Thanet council and Kent County Council are joint owners of another 70 acres of the site – 40 of which could be developed.

Concept

In partnership with Chinamex, which promotes manufactured goods outside of China and is backed by the Chinese government, CGPP is hoping to attract dozens of Chinese businesses to Kent.

Mr Wills said: "Together, we're looking at bringing businesses from China to the business park to establish a concept called China Gateway."

Chinamex wants to set up a business centre at Manston for Chinese companies to sell goods to Europe.

Dr Stephen Ladyman, Labour MP for South Thanet, said: "I fully support Ken and his team in their efforts which is why I have been working with them for well over a year to bring this much-needed investment to the UK.

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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"These plans have the potential to create a huge number of much-needed local jobs as well as helping the national economy rebalance the trade gap with China."

Dr Ladyman is due to give a talk to the Municipal People's Government in Shanghai next month about cooperation between the UK and China.

Economic reforms introduced in the late 1970s by Deng Xiaoping, late leader of the Communist Party of China, have transformed the country's economy and led to a period of spectacular growth.

As well as being blessed with vast natural resources, its massive population means it has a pool of cheap labour running into hundreds of millions of people.

Cllr Sandy Ezekiel, the leader of Thanet District Council, along with deputy leader Cllr Roger Latchford, chief executive Richard Samuel and corporate director John Bunnett visited China.

Cllr Ezekiel said: "This is an enormous potential opportunity for Thanet and could see the area's economic development take a major step forward. Thanet is being considered for this business centre because we are right at the gateway to Europe and are in the right location for businesses, with port and airport links."

He added that "not a single penny of taxpayers' money" went towards paying for the China trip.

Thanet council is due to announce more details of the plans for Manston Business Park on Tuesday morning.

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Hearing test waits are 'unacceptable'

A MINISTER has admitted that waiting times for hearing tests in part of Kent are "unacceptable".

Adam Holloway, Tory MP for Gravesham, told Health Minister Ivan Lewis in Parliament that some of his constituents were waiting 12 months – in spite of a government target of six weeks.

The minister replied: "The length of waiting times in the local trust and in some others is entirely unacceptable.

"That is why we have a target of a maximum wait for assessment of six weeks to be achieved everywhere by March 2008.

"Not having access to appropriate hearing services is distressing for people and it affects their quality of life.

It is estimated that more than 500,000 British people are waiting to have hearing aids fitted.

In some parts of Kent, people are waiting far more than a year to receive one.

Cathedral cyclists raised £92,000

CYCLISTS who took part in a mammoth 1,240-mile ride from Canterbury to Rome raised more than £90,000 for the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal.

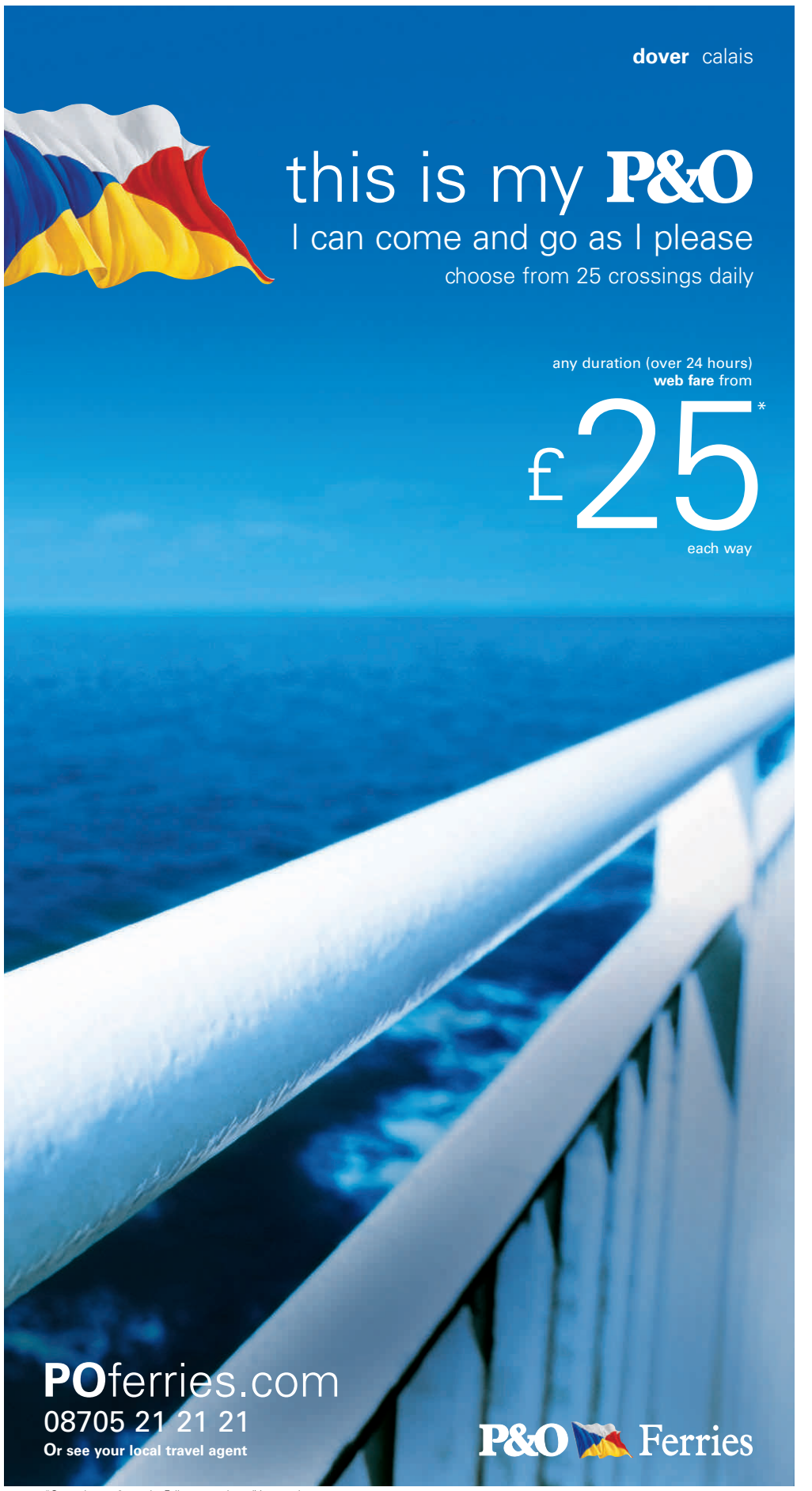
The sponsored ride, which was also in aid of 16 other charities, took 17 days to complete this summer.

The 27 cyclists covered an average of 75 miles a day, climbed more than 70,000 feet and endured temperatures ranging from five to 46C.

Canon Edward Condry, Canon Treasurer of Canterbury Cathedral who led the expedition, announced the final total on Wednesday.

Of the £132,899.81 raised, just under £92,000 will go to the Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal and the rest is being shared between 16 local, national and international charities.

Campaigners hope to raise £50m to save the cathedral from pollution and old age.



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Children in Need gets helping hand from the Dark Side



1 An Imperial battleship comes into view over Swale council offices



2 Stormtroopers with blasters force their way into the council offices



3 Once inside they blast their way into council's corridors of power



4 The search begins to find the "rebel scum" who will make donations

A long time ago in a council office far, far away…

By **NICK AMES**
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STORMTROOPERS waved blasters in the faces of stunned staff during a raid on council offices.

But the Galactic Empire's finest were on a mission for good – raising cash for BBC's Children in Need Appeal.

Workers at Swale council's offices in Sittingbourne gladly put their hands in their pockets as the masked figures in white armour from Star Wars burst through doors looking for "rebel scum".

Many council officials looked stunned as commands such as "Open the blast doors" and "Secure the area" rang out amidst static generated from helmet comlinks during a normal working day on November 16.

The event was organised by Jon Reason who works in the council's parks department, but is also a member of a worldwide Star Wars re-enactment group, which recreates costumes and characters from the hit science fiction movies.

"We have people who act out the roles of stormtroopers and they are called the 501st Legion," he said. "We are the UK Garrison and our costumes are all home-made.

"They are not fancy dress as such – they are as accurate as possible recreations of the clothes worn in the films.

"But as well as soldiers of the Empire we have people who take turns at being Jedi Knights, evil Sith Lords – and even droids."

Memorable

The group is famous among fans of the films for its dedication to making the costumes and actions as authentic as possible.

All re-enactors stay in character during their time in costume and quote memorable lines from the films as well as improvising dialogue in an attempt to recreate the atmosphere of guard duty or a tough mission.

They even study the movies to ensure they move in the manner of the stuntmen and women who wore the costumes on screen.

Mr Reason added: "We will do fêtes and charity events anywhere and during the opening of the last film, Revenge of the Sith, we were 'on duty' outside the cinema showing the premiere."

Viewers pledged £880,852 to the annual BBC appeal Children in Need in the South East region. Nationally the appeal raised £19,089,771 for disadvantaged children.

• To watch the stormtroopers in action, visit our website, www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



5 An office worker is found and has to hand money over for the charity



6 Our intrepid reporter Nick Ames interviews the stormtroopers…



7 The troopers said they were acting on Darth Vader's orders



8 The Imperial force leaves, ready to do battle with the Rebel Alliance

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Council contracts coming under fire

CONCERNS have been raised about the county council awarding lucrative public money contracts to businesses it owns.

Kent County Council's commercial services department runs the recruitment agency Kent Top Temps and the coach and bus operator Kent Top Travels and has an annual turnover of £280 million.

It made profits of £4.5m this year, which KCC said helped keep council tax down and provided cheaper services to residents.

But private firms are angry Kent Top Temps and Kent Top Travels are winning contracts from the county council.

Norman Kemp, of the Kent Bus and Coach Operators Association, told this newspaper: "The major concern of the existing trade is that KCC is taking work away from established operators at cheap prices, without any of the public accountability which one would expect from a local authority financed by the county's residents.

"All this comes at a time when KCC pleads shortage of funds – especially for much-needed highways projects – yet it is frittering away ratepayers' money on competing with established providers of not just buses and coaches but taxis, employment agencies, plumbers and builders, office supplies companies – and now even a rival TV service."

Cllr Mike Eddy, leader of the Labour group on KCC, said he was concerned the council was using its commercial services department to "abuse its position to take unfair advantage over other businesses".

He questioned whether it was right for the council to put pressure on Kent firms and refuted the claim that the profits would have any impact on council tax levels.

"Whatever commercial enterprise a council runs, the council is there to provide a service to its residents and visitors," he said.

"It is not there to drive other companies out of business. Councils have the power to trade so they can make services more flexible and responsive to citizens' needs and not so they can corner the market in a particular product."

Cllr Eddy said the profits were not being used to keep council tax down as it increased 4.95 per cent this year and the £4.5m profit was tiny considering KCC's £2 billion budget.

He also said the cost of Kent TV, County Hall's own broadband television service, could have been spent elsewhere, such as on keeping down costs of home care charges to the elderly and vulnerable.

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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KCC is spending £1.4m on the two-year pilot project.

Cllr Eddy said: "This another example of Tory KCC gambling with public money and that is irresponsible."

But Kevin Harlock, director of KCC's commercial services, defended the department, which he said provided jobs for 1,200 people in Kent.

Competition

He said the £4.5m profit was the same as one per cent on council tax for every household.

"On top of that, wherever possible we factor provision of goods and services, prime examples being paper and vehicles, through local Kent businesses which derive a direct benefit from the supply chain," he added.

"Commercial services receives no budget from KCC, its accounts are rigorously audited and at the end of the day it is accountable to the taxpayer.

"Its sole mission is to provide efficient quality services, particularly where little competition would otherwise exist, which represent best value for money for Kent residents."

Cllr Nick Chard, KCC's cabinet member for finance, said many of the contracts commercial services had won from the council were for bus routes.

He said they had all been put out to tender.

"It's making sure that we get the best deal for council taxpayers.

"It's certainly brought much more of an element of competition into the marketplace."

Cllr Chard added: "We actually don't have anything to hide."

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Condemnation for Japan's 'scientific' whaling research

A GOVERNMENT Minister has condemned Japan's launch of a whaling fleet set to kill 1,000 whales.

Jonathan Shaw, who is Labour MP for Chatham and Aylesford, described whaling as a "hideous, barbaric practice" and questioned Japan's claim that it was for "scientific research".

And the Kent diver who led the rescue of the Thames Whale last year has slammed the Japanese for launching the whaling fleet.

Mark Stevens, from Gillingham, director of the British Divers Marine Life Rescue group (BDMLR), said he was "appalled" by Japan's decision to press ahead in spite of worldwide condemnation.

Mr Shaw, the Marine and Fisheries Minister, told this newspaper: "This so-called scientific research is an excuse for what is a hideous, barbaric practice and we continue to work hard to ensure there's a majority on the International Whaling Commission who are opposed to whaling. It's not for science – it's for commercial reasons."

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Mr Stevens, a science teacher, was in charge of the attempt to save the female bottlenose whale that swam into London last year.

He said: "The Japanese hunt the whales in the name of science. As someone who is a scientist, they're not doing it in my name."

Mr Stevens said the worldwide support for the attempt to rescue the Thames Whale, which eventually died, showed the depth of feeling people had for the animals.

Justification

The Japanese whaling fleet is hoping to kill up to 950 minke in the Antarctic and, for the first time, 50 humpback and 50 fin whales. Mr Stevens said the whales are killed with explosive harpoons, which cause them huge pain.

Whale meat harvested by the fleet will be sold on the Japanese market and the profits go towards paying for future "research".

Tony Woodley, of BDLMR, said of the Japanese whaling fleet: "The whole world knows that they're trying to pull the wool over everyone's eyes. Why on earth would you want to kill 1,000 whales to research them?"

The Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society (WDCS) is among groups that have tried to look after Dave the Dolphin, off Folkestone.

Mark Simmonds, WDCS's director of science, said: "The humpbacks are a cousin species to Dave the Kent bottlenose dolphin. They too are social animals. They too can feel pain and will suffer terribly in some cases when the under-powered harpoons the Japanese use are driven into them."

Stuart Harrop, professor of wildlife management law at the University of Kent, criticised Japan's "scientific research" justification for the whaling fleet.

"What do you get from killing a whale that you cannot get from observing it?" he asked.

Professor Harrop said the whales take between 10 minutes and an hour to die.

"No matter how good the technology is when killing a whale there are going to be a lot of bad kills and slow deaths."

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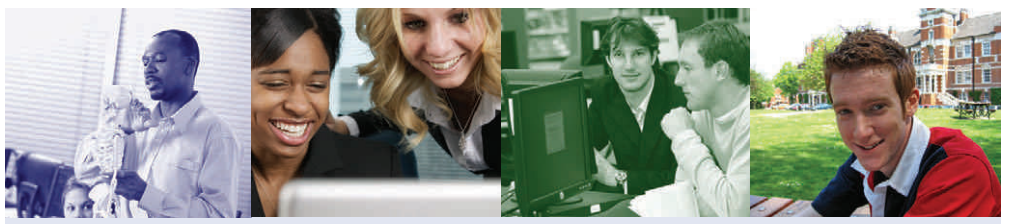
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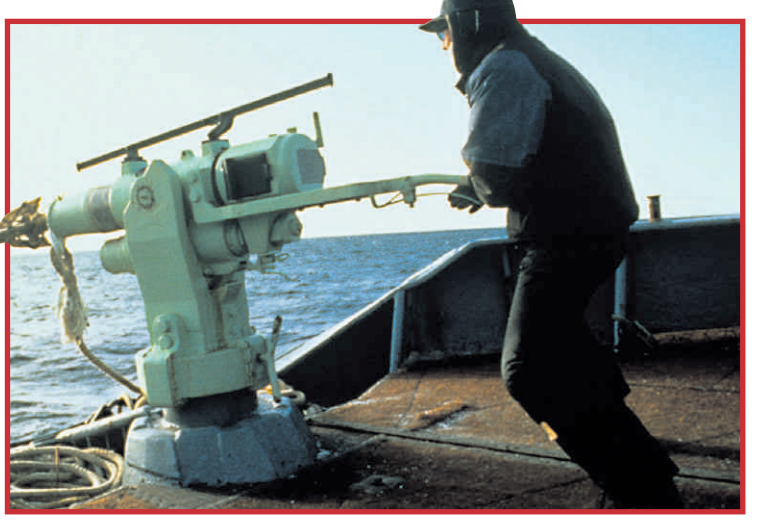
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STRONG WORDS: Jonathan Shaw MP, who has condemned whaling; the humpback whale (pictured above), and a harpoon used for killing whales

A spokesman for the Japanese Embassy in London defended Japan's whaling programme, which is known as JARPA II.

He said the country needed to carry out research into whales and their ever-changing Atlantic ecosystem.

"In general, commercial whaling is done for profit, while the purpose of research whaling (our research programme) is to obtain scientific data."

The spokesman added: "Japan's research program is carried out to obtain scientific data for the sustainable use of whale resources and not for the pursuit of profit by marketing whale meat."

And he said that explosive harpoons were more humane.

"Special harpoons with an explosive charge at the tips are now used to shorten the time until death as much as possible.

"This type of harpoon, called a 'grenade harpoon', was adopted as the most humane killing method at the IWC (International Whaling Commission) after long years of research."

SOLDIERS are helping restore woodland paths damaged by off-road vehicles illegally using them.

The Royal School of Military Engineers, based at Chatham, has been assisting the Bredhurst Woodland Action Group (BWAG) with the work.

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Don't panic – things aren't really as bad as they seem

GLOBAL warming, speeding and salmonella poisoning are rendered as mythical money-spinners in a new book investigating national scares, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Christopher Booker and Dr Richard North are the co-authors of Scared to Death, which seeks to expose the artefact and consistent pattern behind many of the major issues that inspired panic and fear in the population over the past 20 years.

Dr North told Kent on Sunday how he became intrigued by the concept of scares in 1988 while working as a food safety consultant during the salmonella in eggs debate fuelled by Edwina Currie.

He said: "I had a look at that egg crisis, took it apart and found it did not stand up. None of the evidence was supported or contradictory and the science was bizarre."

Dr North, 61, also worked in the food industry during the height of the BSE crisis and said he started to see a pattern emerging.

Major scares are not random and are a very specific social and political phenomenon, he claimed.

He argued that they have the same end result – that a huge amount of money is spent without addressing the original problem, which diverts funds away from far more important things.

Scares arise where there is a thread of uncertainty and mystery and where the science is not stipulated, he said.

More sinister motives could be found lurking behind scares that seemingly existed to protect the public, he said, citing speeding as an example.

The speed camera industry arose from the need to do something about the serious problem of road traffic accidents, which were largely preventable, he said.

"Driver behaviour is not easily measurable, you cannot stand by the side of the road and monitor, but you can monitor speed. Therefore it became an easy opt out for police forces and thereby became linked with reducing road deaths," he said.

The Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership was set up in 2002 and, according to its website, is "committed to influencing, educating and encouraging motorists… to slow down".

The indeterminate scientific evidence, which is central to scares, can also be found as the Government buried data showing that a significant amount of accidents happen when the motorist is driving under the speed limit, Dr North claimed.

Ulterior motives

He pointed to the huge amounts of money made from safety camera partnerships, which involve local authorities, police and magistrates' courts. He also talked about global warming and how it has developed into an ever-heightening worry.

"The original threat must be plausible, it must be real. Is there global warming? Yes, it is unarguable, but do we know actually what has caused it – no. But that is not good enough, there is huge industrial lobbying whose financial survival depends on elevated concern about global warming in order to sustain this industry and support its agenda. The UN and the EU are the staunchest advocates of global warming [because] it requires regional and global action and legitimises the very existence of the EU and the UN."

He claimed that Friends of the Earth, which supports the global warming agenda, had been paid by the European Commission to help promote the cause.

The Friends of the Earth said it had received £750,000 from the EC last year, significantly more than its usual annual payment of £400,000. A spokesman said the organisation used the money "to raise environmental awareness".

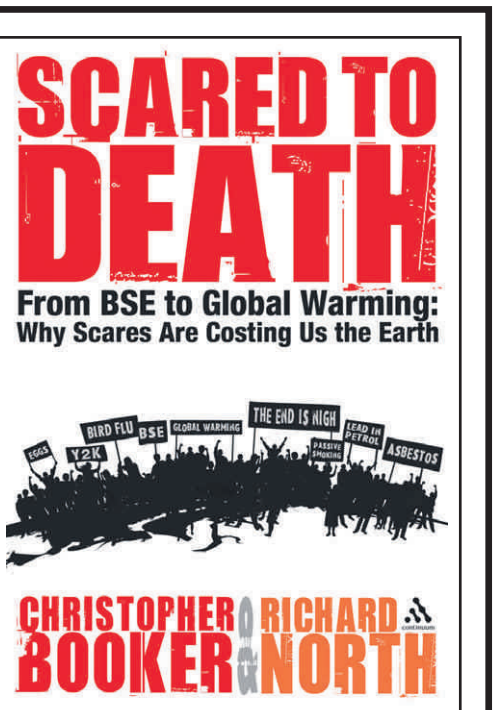
Asked what would be done to avoid scares breaking out, Mr North said: "When ordinary people see these coming into the news they look like random events. By telling people they are not random, they were artefacts and had creators with ulterior motives – the best understanding enables us to deal with the phenomenon. We hope that knowledge will help people centre the scare and bring back some rationality because we cannot afford this self-indulgence."

He added: "£3 billion was spent burning perfectly healthy cows [during the BSE scare]. We only get that to spend once and we were burning cows when we could have spent it on cancer drugs or new hospitals or on better equipment for our armed forces."

Dr North, from Bradford, is a writer, broadcaster and commentator.

Mr Booker was one of the founders of Private Eye and its first editor. He has a weekly column in the Sunday Telegraph.

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Rise in level of abuse of vulnerable adults

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ABUSE towards vulnerable adults has increased this year, according to a Kent County Council report.

Out of the 1,138 reports of suspected abuse in Kent, 38 per cent were confirmed, with the majority against elderly people in the county's 359 care homes.

This figure is up from last year when 31.1 per cent of mistreatment allegations were upheld.

The report, by the Kent and Medway Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Committee, was presented to councillors at a KCC meeting looking at the quality of care given to adults across the county.

It counted allegations made at care homes, day-care centres, sheltered accommodation, community health centres, hospitals, public places and at private residences and recorded how many were substantiated.

The report showed results for 2006 and the first nine months of this year. Physical abuse remains the most common form of abuse in Kent.

The committee works in partnership with the police, health workers and the voluntary and private sector care providers to raise awareness about abuse.

Cllr Kevin Lynes, who as KCC's cabinet member for adult services is responsible for standards in all of Kent's care homes, accounted for the rise in the number of cases of abuse.

He said: "We have a joined-up approach making it easier for people to report, whether they are families, carers or service users themselves.

Frightened

"That is leading to a flat rise in some areas of people reporting and that is to be welcomed."

Daniel Blake, the policy development manager for Action on Elder Abuse, a national charity that works to prevent the abuse of vulnerable older adults, responded to KCC's report.

He said: "Our view is that most abuse remains hidden because people are often too frightened or embarrassed to come forward."

He said the major cause of concern was institutional abuse rather than a rogue member of staff at a care home.

The study showed that Dover had the most allegations of abuse in the county, relative to its number of care homes.

In 2006 it had more than 25 per cent of all allegations made in Kent care homes and this year it had almost 17 per cent.

Swale, Canterbury, Shepway and Thanet also had high numbers of complaints, showing that there are more abuse allegations in the east than the west of the county.

Canterbury had 4.4 per cent of the allegations in 2006 compared to 12.3 per cent this year.

Maidstone was the anomaly last year with just over 10 per cent but has dropped to 7.5 per cent this year. Cllr Lynes said the figures gave "a skewed impression" because if there were higher incidents of allegations it means the number of older people was higher in the east of the county.

KOS Media spoke to the Commission for Social Care Inspection, a government watchdog for care homes, about care homes being the main location for abuse in Kent.

A spokesman said: "Of course we are concerned about the level of abuse in care homes.

"Where a service fails to meet national minimum standards on the protection of vulnerable adults it is judged to provide 'poor' outcomes.

"If it is judged poor overall we will require improvements and may take enforcement action if they are not made."

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Licence to Kill? wins award

A HARD-hitting theatre and film production targeting young drivers in Kent and Medway has won a top award.

Licence to Kill? – aimed at year 12 and 13 students – was designed to show young drivers from schools and colleges across the county the potentially deadly consequences of driving dangerously.

The production, a joint initiative between Kent Fire Brigade, Kent County Council, Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership, Medway Council, Kent Police and the South East Coast Ambulance Service, scooped a gold award in the Chartered Institute of Public Relations Pride Awards.

Broken homes at heart of children turning to drugs

Mental health is affected by collapse

FAMILY breakdown is causing a growing number of young people to turn to drugs and develop mental health problems, a Kent-based psychiatrist has claimed, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Dr Jeannette Phillips is a consultant psychiatrist and clinical director of the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAHMS), who works in Dartford, Swanley and Gravesham.

She said the service always asks the children and young people they see whether they take drugs or alcohol.

"It is surprising how young they are getting involved. Once they start smoking cigarettes it progresses to cannabis. I think the problem is it is so easily available," she said.

Dr Phillips said a growing number of children from as young as 10 were smoking cannabis, which was causing mental health problems. She said the problem of drugs was so widespread that it was often difficult for children not to get involved.

Others turned to drugs to escape the feelings they were having as a result of psychological problems, she said.

But drug use among children is often temporary if they are able to get help for their underlying problems, she added.

Dr Phillips said family breakdown was a big factor in causing mental health problems and drug use.

"People forget the impact on the children if they are losing a parent, boys especially when their dads leave. More and more mothers seem to be walking out on their families. The children stuck with parents who are left very upset cannot go to them for support. It is a hard world to be growing up in."

Young people are showing symptoms of depression, anxiety, or are suffering from disorders such as ADHD and anorexia.

Shockingly, children as young as seven have tried to hang or drown themselves, or walk in front of cars, she said.

The most common reasons for children becoming suicidal are problems at home, such as parents that have died, left, are mentally ill or have drug and alcohol problems.

There are eight CAMHS centres across the county helping children up until they are 18.

Dr Phillips said the work was labour intensive and needed a lot of resources, particularly when whole families were involved.

"We do our best, but there are always more people. There is a lot of pressure to move people though the system quicker and that pressure can make it harder. There need to be a greater focus on this area and more funds need to be available," Dr Phillips said.

She expressed concern that if there were not enough resources to treat the young people properly they could slip back into mental illness.

"People have forgotten that children need stability and need to know they can go to their parents," she said.

"I think that people are getting more aware and hopefully we can break the spiral. We have got to become a lot more child centred. Children can go in any direction depending on what they are exposed to.

"There is a genetic side but there is a huge environmental side, which is actually very hopeful because we can put that right."

Eat, drink and be merry at charity shop

FREE mulled wine and mince pies are being offered to customers as a festive gift at a charity shop.

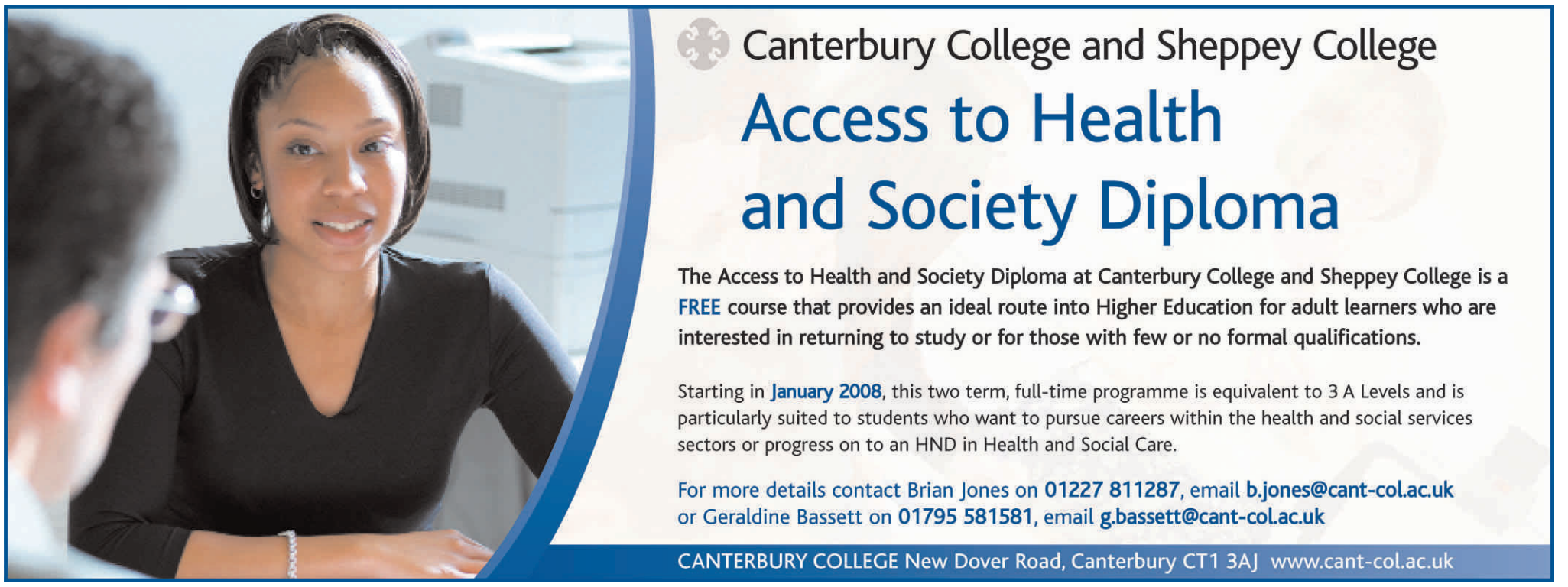
Pepenbury, in Cornford Lane, Pembury, is giving away the food and drink on Monday to get people in the Christmas mood.

The shop, which is open from 10am until 4pm, seven days a week, is selling eco-friendly Christmas trees, Christmas cards, hampers, food, decorations and gifts.

Pepenbury is a charity for people with learning disabilities.







Better defences against flooding needed to avert storm disaster

KENT'S flood defences must be better funded in case there is a repeat of a storm surge that killed hundreds of people nearly 55 years ago.

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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A report going before Kent County Council's cabinet on Monday warns there could be "dire consequences" if action is not taken.

On the night of January 31, 1953, gale force winds and a high spring tide combined with devastating effect to smash flood defences along the east coast.

Seaside towns in Kent were among those battered by the storm surge, which left 300 dead and 24,000 homes damaged around the South East.

Cllr Sarah Hohler, chairman of the committee that carried out the report, says in its foreword: "Having seen how Kent and other counties have been affected so adversely by intense rainfall, we believe it is important to invest in a variety of measures as soon as possible, so that we are better prepared to cope with what we hope are rare, but may become increasingly frequent, severe weather conditions.

"The risk of sea flooding is very real and it is acknowledged that a repeat of the set of conditions leading to flooding in 1953 could have dire consequences."

Budget

Earlier this month, a minor storm surge led to flooding in towns including Broadstairs and Deal.

KCC blamed competing demands for cash at a government department for holding up new flood defence schemes and maintenance of existing ones in Kent.

In its report, it claims the situation at the Department for Environment and Rural Affairs (Defra) has "impacted adversely" on flood funds over the last two years.

KCC called on Defra to provide ring-fenced, direct funding that, "will reassure the public that vital plans, strategies and flood defence work will not be compromised by competing demands within Defra or elsewhere".

The report highlights the effect of unusually heavy rainfall in June in Folkestone, Hythe and Whitstable as showing the need to better prepare against unseasonal flooding.

And it points out that "substantial" areas of Kent earmarked for development by the Government are at risk of flooding.

The Kent Green Party criticised government plans that have emerged this week to cut Defra's budget by £300m, which it said would hit coastal and river flood protection in Kent.

Spokesman Steve Dawe said: "It is abundantly obvious that new housing on flood plains at Ashford and Canterbury needs a lot more protection and that the coastal defence of Sheppey must be renewed, not abandoned as in current Government plans."

A Defra spokeswoman said the Government is committed to sustainable protection for people and property.

"This is why we have nearly doubled the spending on flood and coastal erosion risk management in cash terms, from £307 million in 1996-97 to an estimated £600m in 2007-08.

"This will increase to £800m in 2010-11, with a steady rise in annual budgets between now and then. This budget is the minimum we will spend over the period.

"Projects in Kent which have benefited from funding in the last few years include High Knock to Dymchurch, Robertsbridge, Whitstable, Warden Bay and Tankerton."

Power station decision on hold

COUNCILLORS have deferred a decision on controversial proposals to build a coal-fired power station.

E.ON UK wants to build two new coal units and demolish a power station at Kingsnorth in north Kent.

It sought permission from Medway Council, but the decision was deferred during a meeting on Thursday, to allow for more information.

Greenpeace says the power station is "dinosaur technology". Nearly 9,000 people have objected to the scheme.

E.ON UK says the new station would be 20 per cent cleaner and generate enough energy to power about 1.5 million homes.





Regional BBC escapes review

A REVIEW to check the impartiality of BBC programmes will not look at the content of regional TV and radio in Kent.

The BBC Trust has commissioned a review of the BBC's network news and factual coverage of the four UK nations.

It is the first impartiality review commissioned by the trust since it was set up in January this year.

But a Kent spokeswoman for the BBC said: "The trust is looking at how network news cover England compared to Scotland, compared to Wales, compared to Northern Ireland.

"They are not looking at regional output – ie Radio Kent, South East Today."

Announcing the impartiality review, Richard Tait, BBC trustee and chairman of the trust's editorial standards committee, said: "The BBC is committed to providing impartial news and factual coverage for licence fee payers across the UK.

"The substantial devolution of powers to Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland over the past decade has led to new challenges for the BBC in providing appropriate and relevant network coverage for each of the four nations."

Foreign prisoners take up jail space

By **PHIL REILLY**
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NEARLY a quarter of prisoners in Kent's jails are foreign nationals.

New figures revealed by the Ministry of Justice show that out of 3,515 prisoners in Kent's nine jails, 796 are from overseas. The nationalities of a further 23 are listed as 'not recorded'.

At Canterbury Prison there are 259 foreign inmates and just 15 Britons.

The figures were revealed after Damian Green, the Conservative MP for Ashford and shadow minister for immigration, tabled a question in Parliament.

Extraordinary

Mr Green said: "The number of people whose nationalities are not known is extraordinary.

"Presumably they won't tell the authorities where they come from, which I assume is because it relates to their immigration status.

"If this many people won't tell us their nationality when we have them locked up, I should think there are hundreds of thousands in the country whose nationality we don't know. It is the small tip of a very large iceberg.

"Among the people we should be able to get facts about are the people in our jails."

The average prisoner costs the taxpayer £37,000 to keep locked up for a year.

The overall number of prisoners in Kent jails has fallen from 3,817 to 3,515 since December last year, although the percentage of foreign prisoners has remained more or less the same.



DILEMMA: MP Damian Green says some foreign inmates keep their nationality a secret to hide their immigration status

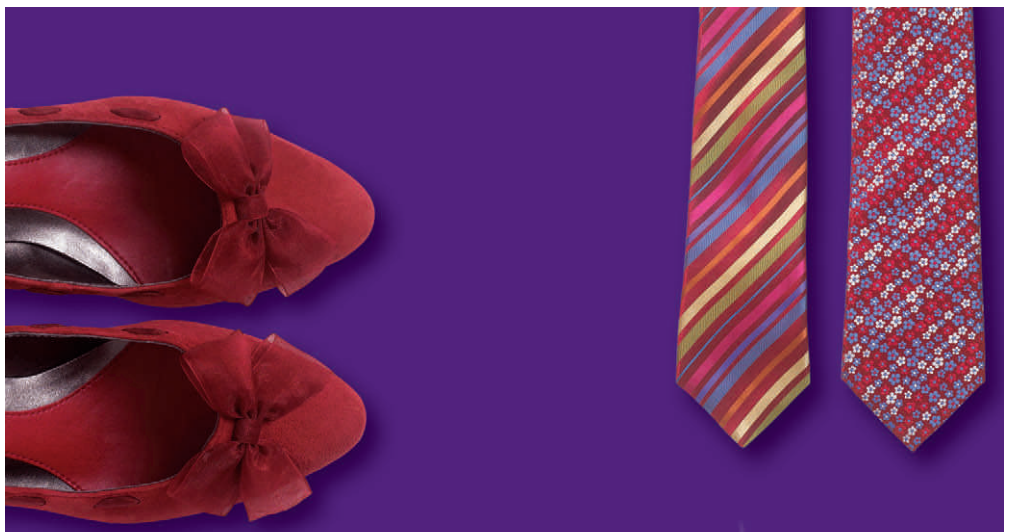
A Ministry of Justice spokeswoman said this was because around 300 spaces were lost when Cookham Wood near Rochester was converted from a women-only prison to one for young male offenders.

She also confirmed that those whose nationalities were "not recorded" were because "they won't tell us".

She said: "Sometimes nationality will become apparent later in their sentence.

"These figures come from the point of reception, it doesn't mean we have 23 any more. Nationality usually becomes apparent later on."

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KENT on Sunday reader Colin Miles submitted this lovely photograph to our ever-popular Images of Kent series.

Mr Miles, of Bapchild, near Sittingbourne, said: "I thought the moat gave a great mirror image of the castle."

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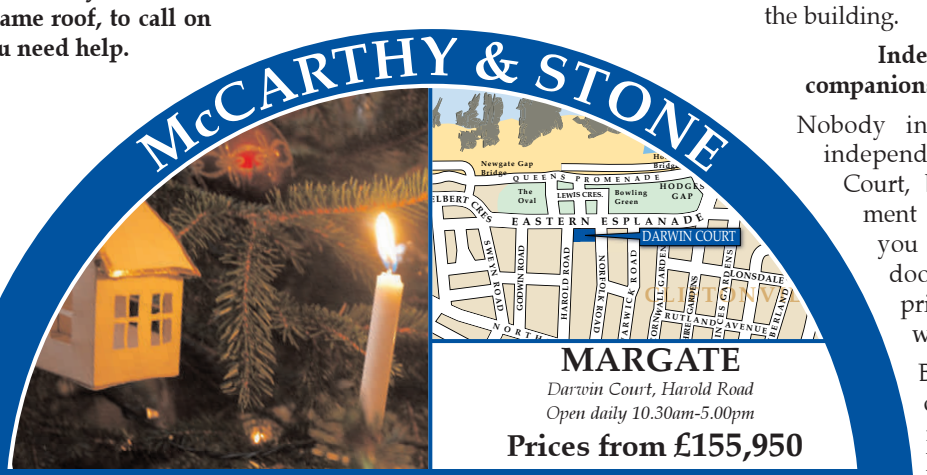
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Getting ready for winter

Most motorists don't think about winter driving conditions until they see frost in the morning, but here at Kent Highway Services, we're on standby from mid-October to mid-April to react to icy weather.

We're responsible for all the main roads in Kent apart from motorways, trunk roads and roads that are looked after by Medway Council. Each year, we work from a winter service policy to keep you moving when the temperature drops.

The Met Office provides us with a forecast each day that is designed specifically for Kent's roads. We use the forecast to decide if the roads need to be salted and if they do, we aim to cover the main routes in just over two hours. We class the main routes as all 'A' and 'B' roads, busy commuter routes and danger spots, which means that a full salting will cover a quarter of the county's 5000 miles of road. If severe ice is expected, or heavy snow has fallen, we will also treat roads beyond the main routes on a priority basis.

However, despite our best planning, there are occasions when the weather catches us unawares. In these situations, we try to mobilise our winter maintenance vehicles within two hours.

When it comes to snow, we apply the same principles for clearing the main routes and our winter maintenance vehicles can be quickly fitted with a snow plough, so we can clear snow and spread salt at the same time. We also work with a network of farmers across the county who clear snow for us when necessary.



We do our very best to ensure that routes are safe to use, but please remember to take extra care when you're out and about in wintry weather.

For a copy of our winter service policy and salting map, please visit **www.kent.gov.uk/highways**

Motorists tips

To keep safe on the roads this winter, you should:

- make sure your vehicle is serviced and properly maintained;
- check tyres have the correct tread, are in good condition and inflated correctly;
- check antifreeze in radiators;
- check batteries are in good condition and well charged;
- make sure the windscreen wipers and washers are working properly; and
- make sure the windscreen-washer bottle is full and contains screenwash.

Drinking and driving wrecks lives

Christmas should be a time of joy and merriment, but imagine losing a loved one this year as a result of drink driving.

The sad reality is that every week in the UK, around 10 people die as a result of a drink driving crash, and in the run up to Christmas the temptation to drive home after drinking is even greater.

That's why Kent Highway Services has launched its biggest ever drink driving campaign to reinforce the message that drinking and driving really can wreck your life.

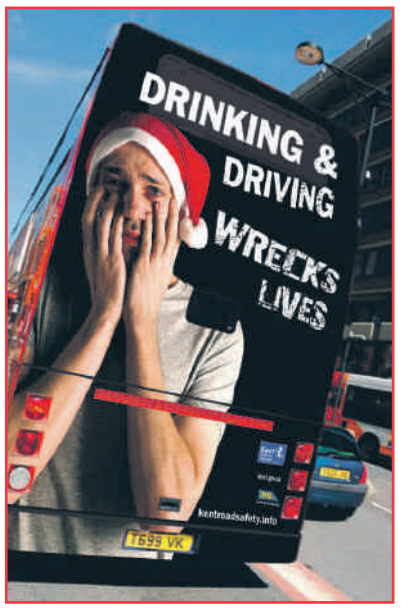
Even if you don't injure or kill someone, a drink drive conviction will result in at least a 12 month driving ban, a criminal record and a large fine.

Just imagine what that could do to your job, lifestyle, and even your relationships. You'll also be left with increased insurance premiums when you do get your licence back.

You don't have to be drunk to be dangerous though, and even one unit of alcohol will have a negative effect on your reaction time and perception.

You may think you're in control but it will be obvious to those travelling with you or around you that you're making many basic errors such as leaving it late to brake, misjudging speed and distance, pulling out in front of other vehicles and not reacting to traffic lights quickly enough.

You may also think that you're in control enough to avoid detection, but Kent Police are trained to spot all the tricks that drink drivers use to try and avoid being caught.



The simple fact is; you have a choice and do not have to drive after drinking. If you're planning to drink, plan to leave the car keys at home!

For more information on our road safety campaigns, visit
www.kent.gov.uk/highways

See www.KentTV.com for up-to-date travel information

Travel Update

Kent Highway Services

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.

Gravesend

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	29/11/07	A227 Wrotham Road, Gravesend	Temporary traffic lights – new phone cables

Shepway

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	7/12/07	Stone Street, Shepway	Temporary traffic lights – new energy supply

Tonbridge and Malling

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	3/1/08	B245 London Road, Hildenborough	Temporary traffic lights – new energy supply

Shepway

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	12/2/08	Sandgate Esplanade, Shepway	Temporary traffic lights – new water mains

Swale

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
26/11/07	5/12/07	A2 Canterbury Road, Sittingbourne	Temporary traffic lights from 9.30am to 3.30pm – resurfacing works

For details of other roadworks in Kent please visit www.kent.gov.uk/travel

Kent's Wild Roads

At Kent Highway Services, we look after Kents roads and pavements but we also work closely with the Kent Wildlife Trust on their Roadside Nature Reserve Project (RNR). RNR's are the areas of land that support a range of rare or endangered wildlife habitats such as ancient woodland, chalk, grass and heath land. They provide important wildlife corridors for a wide number of species including mammals such as badgers and dormice. In Kent, there are 136 sites, of which, the most prominent are Bluebell Hill and Lydden.

At Bluebell Hill we've worked with Road Verge Officers and volunteers from Kent Wildlife Trust to remove dense scrub, which plays an important role in the verges' survival. As a result, large numbers of a range of orchid species including common spotted, pyramidal and bee orchids are flourishing at the site.

At Lydden, we've worked with the Kent Wildlife Trust, DEFRA and Dover District Council to clear a verge and embankment area using cattle.The cattle started grazing there in 2006 and it is the most natural and effective way to clear an area like this because it is a gradual process that allows the existing species more time to adjust to their changing habitat. We're watching this site carefully and depending on its success and future funding, other similar projects could be introduced.

There's much more to Kent's highways and verges than meets the eye and we're striving to make these natural wildlife havens a success, so that we can live in harmony with the wildlife that our county has to offer.

If you want to find out more about the work of Kent Highway Services, you can log on to **www.kent.gov.uk/highways**



For more information, please call 08458 247 800 or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



WELL DONE: The crew on deck of HMS Chatham

Big '60' salute to royal couple

SAILORS on a naval warship wished the Queen and Prince Philip a happy diamond wedding anniversary with a striking display, ***writes Jamie McGinnes***.

The ship's company of HMS Chatham, the 15th vessel to be named after the Kent town, lined up on the deck to form the number '60' for the royal couple while the frigate was in the Grand Harbour in Valletta, Malta.

The Queen and Prince Philip travelled to Malta on Tuesday – the day of their wedding anniversary – where they lived as a young married couple from 1949-51.

HMS Chatham is visiting the island nation following a series of maritime exercises in the Mediterranean.

The engagement between Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten was announced on July 9, 1947. Prince Philip joined the Royal Navy in 1939 and after the war, in February 1947, became a naturalised British subject.

He was created Duke of Edinburgh by King George VI on marriage.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were married in Westminster Abbey on November 20, 1947.

Gunshot victim is named

POLICE have released the identity of a man shot dead in Chilham in the early hours of last Sunday.

Matt James Clements, 41, who was from the Ashford area, died as the result of a gunshot wound to the chest, after the incident in Canterbury Road.

Police said they are continuing to investigate the circumstances.

A 49-year-old man who was arrested in connection with the incident has been bailed until January 2008, pending further inquiries.

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Conservatives grill leader Cameron



Q&A: David Cameron

OPPOSITION leader David Cameron fielded questions from Conservatives regarding health, crime, education, immigration and pensions this week.

Mr Cameron was the guest speaker at the Bexleyheath and Crayford annual dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Bexleyheath on Tuesday.

During his speech, he accused the Government of a series of failures and said Labour ministers had "a lack of ideas" on how to deal with the problems facing the country.

Afterwards, he took questions from the guests. The sell-out event attracted 230 people from Conservative Associations across the region.

Guests included David Evennett MP, James Cleverly, GLA candidate for Bexley and Bromley, and Conservative prospective parliamentary candidates David Gold (Eltham) and Gary Johnson (Dartford).

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OVERHAUL: Revolution skatepark in Thanet

Ramped up

New face for top skatepark

By **PETER BOYES**
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ONE of the country's best skateparks has undergone a major revamp with new ramps and layout.

Revolution Skatepark, in Thanet, had a new outdoor section installed this summer.

Now owner Dan Chapman and his team have completed the rebuild of the indoor section at the facility, which is based in an industrial warehouse in St Peter's. It opened this weekend.

Mr Chapman said: "Revolution's 10th anniversary is fast approaching, and with it, comes a whole new generation of skateboarders, inliners and BMX riders whose requirements are markedly different to those who first came here in 1998.

"As these sports progress, the terrain that people use has to change to keep up with the new skills that they bring to the skatepark.

"This is why Revolution has looked to some of the most ground-breaking and innovative new skateparks around the world for inspiration along with taking the advice and direction of both customers and professional users alike."

Mr Chapman, 32, said he hoped the new park would compete with some of the best facilities in Europe, and could lead the way to the park becoming a regular venue for international competitions.

He said the new features had been designed to accommodate the many different levels of ability that Revolution attracts.

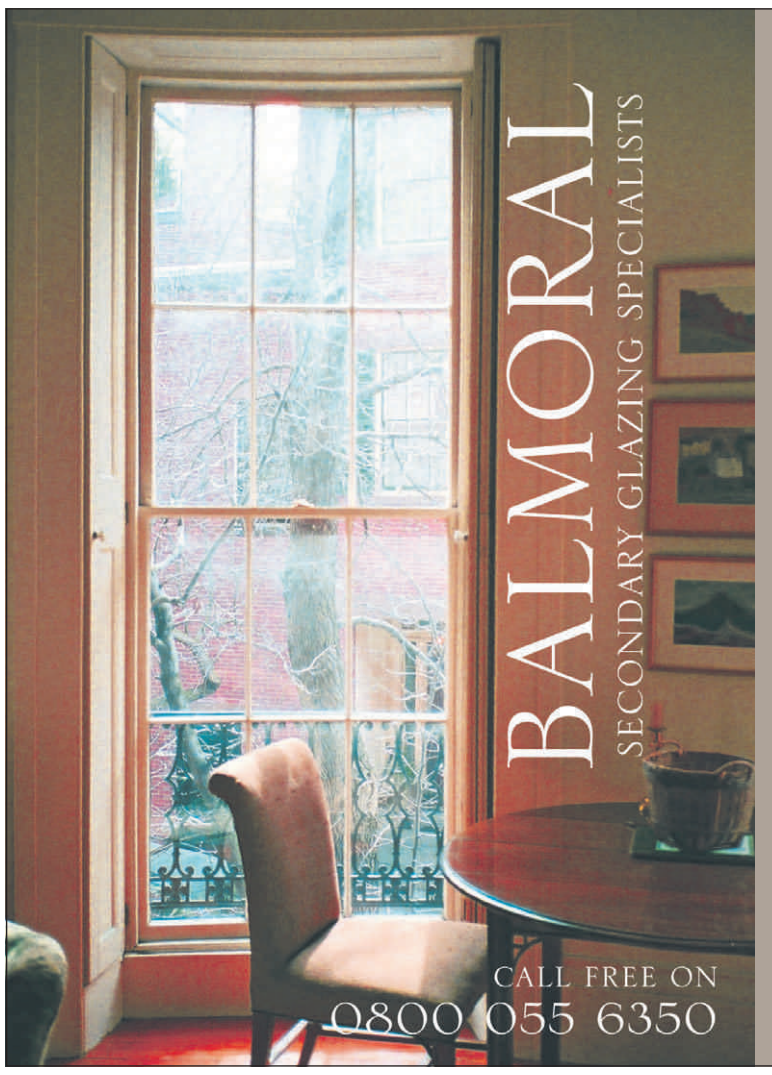
"We've been working 12 and 14 hour days to get it ready," he told Kent on Sunday.

"It will make people of all abilities want to get on the train or in their car to come and skate or ride here, especially with the winter coming."

Revolution, which also has a climbing wall, now has wall space available for graffiti artists, although drawings must be submitted to management prior to approval.

It is understood the park's dispute with the landlord, the Thanet Community Development Trust, over a dramatic rent increase which threatened to close the prized facility has now been largely resolved.

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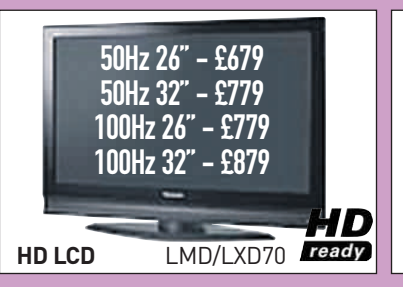


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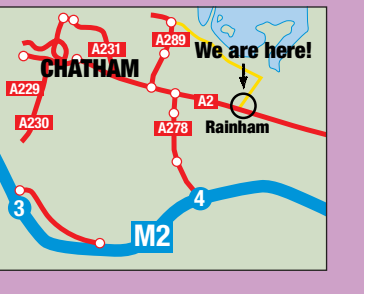
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Belgian officers visit Kent

POLICE officers from Belgium will be visiting the Kent to experience firearms training and a friendly game of cricket.

The group of 16 officers from Roeselare is arriving in the county on Thursday.

The Belgian officers will be playing a game of cricket with their hosts before heading out for an evening in Maidstone.

The next day they will be meeting Neighbourhood Inspector Adam Jones before seeing the CCTV centre at Maidstone Town Hall.

A demonstration of drug testing equipment, Ion Track, which is not used in Belgium, will be given.

PC Martin Carter is co-coordinating the visit.



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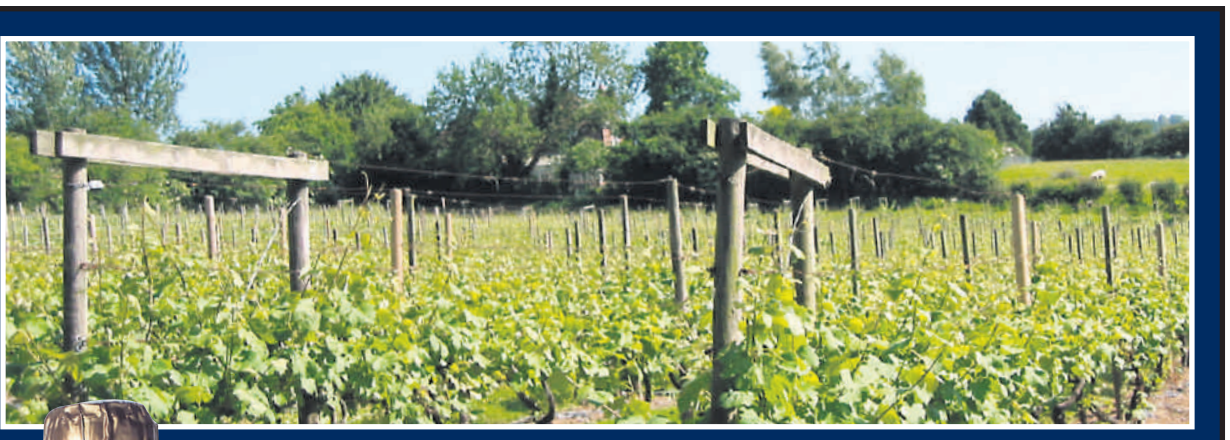
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Experts warning of a Champagne drought in shops

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FEARS this festive season could fall a little flat have been raised this week as experts warned of a possible champagne shortage.

Britain's oldest wine merchants Berry Bros & Rudd said sales had doubled in the past fortnight with supplies of top bottles starting to run so low customers faced the prospect of rationing.

Demand for Kent champagne is following the trend, said Frazer Thompson, the managing director of English Wines Group, of Tenterden, which produces Chapel Down Wines.

He said: "There is not a lot of it about so grab it while you can."

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Berry Bros said demand for bigger bottles, which are now only produced in one area in France's Champagne region after a second closed down, was so great it was considering introducing a waiting list for magnums and jeroboams.

Mr Thompson said: "We are continuing to supply our main stockists – Nicholas, Threshers, Waitrose and Sainsbury's. But the market demand seems to grow all the time."

He said people were growing increasingly accustomed to champagne because it could make any occasion a bit more special.

With demand for bubbly growing, but supply remaining static, some champagne houses have started looking to England.

The makers of Cristal champagne Louis Roederer's executives reportedly toured vineyards in Kent and Sussex in September.

Mr Thompson would not confirm whether his vineyards were among those visited.

However, he said: "It is not the first time they have come to look at Kent vineyards. It is no great surprise we share the same geology and almost the same climate, which with climate change is rising.

"It is a logical place to come – it is on the doorstep of London where there is huge demand in time for the Olympics in 2012."

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Rape – 80 per cent of attackers get away with it

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BARELY one in five rapes reported to the police in Kent ended with the attacker being punished by the law, new figures show.

In 2006-07 there were 231 reports of women being raped, but only 43 saw the culprit brought to justice – 18.6 per cent – according to police data.

Last week we reported how low conviction rates, trauma and fear of not being believed left many women unwilling to press charges against their attacker.

Groups including Victim Support Kent and the East Kent Rape Crisis Centre called for more funding to support victims and a drive to change negative attitudes towards the crime.

We took the groups' concerns to Kent Police and asked what the force was doing to improve its detection rate.

Det Chief Insp Paul Fotheringham, from the public protection unit, said: "We are committed to supporting victims of rape and sexual assaults.

"These horrifying crimes inflict misery and trauma on those who have been attacked as well as affecting the lives of their loved ones."

He said police wanted victims to feel confident that their case would be treated "professionally and with empathy".

Anyone reporting a rape would be seen by a specially trained officer, he said.

The Renton Clinic at Darent Valley Hospital in Dartford, a specialised centre for sexual assaults, opened this year.

DCI Fotheringham said: "As well as assisting police in the search for evidence, it gives victims easy access to health provision and aftercare. Due to the success of this project, together with our partners, we are actively seeking funding from the Government to open a second clinic in the east of the county.

Prosecuted

"We hope that this also gives communities confidence in the criminal justice process which will lead to more reporting and recording of these offences, with ultimately more offenders being prosecuted."

He said police understood that not everyone wanted to report rape to the police and victims can refer themselves to the clinic.

"We know that there are many people who find it difficult to report rape to police and self-referral offers them an alternative should they choose that," he added.

"We are committed to supporting those subjected to this horrific crime and prosecuting the perpetrators."

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Asbestos hopes dashed

KENT workers who have been exposed to asbestos by negligent employers will not be eligible for compensation following a law ruling.

The fate of workers from Chatham Dockyards, Kent coalfields and the county's construction and demolition industries has hung in the balance since last year.

The Court of Appeal decided that pleural plaques – the first sign of asbestos damage, which in many cases leads to more serious asbestos-related illness – did not justify compensation.

But Kent lawyer Neille Ryan urged the victims not to give up the fight. The Furley Page lawyer said: "There is a glimmer of hope from the Scottish Parliament where cross-party support is in favour of legislative action to overturn the House of Lords' decision.

"If this were to happen it would add to the pressure here and hopefully change the Government's mind, so I urge all pleural plaque sufferers to contact their MPs to explain the devastating effect of the judgement on them."

AN ANIMAL hospital that gives free veterinary help to sick and injured pets is celebrating its 90th birthday. Kent's PDSA PetAid hospital was opened in 1927 in Chatham. PDSA is a charity that provides free care for people unable to afford vet fees for their pets. The hospital is now based in a purpose-built centre in Campus Way, Gillingham, which opened in 2002. The hospital treats an average of around 90 pets every day and performs nearly 43,000 treatments annually, from major surgery to X-rays.

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Museum closure plans slammed as 'shameful'

Moving artefacts will strip town of historical record, say campaigners

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UNDER THREAT: The Folkestone Museum faces closure and some of its exhibits will be moved to museums elsewhere in the county

KENT County Council has come in for fierce criticism over its plans to close a museum and distribute some of its exhibits to other locations.

Nick Spurrier, the spokesman for the Save Folkestone Museum campaign group, said the proposed closure was "a shameful thing to do".

The plans would see some of the museum's collection given to other museums around the county.

Mr Spurrier said: "Why should KCC decide where the exhibits go? Morally the contents of the museum belong to Folkestone, not the council.

"A museum tells the people of the town about themselves; it is a historical record and losing it deprives the people of that record."

Conversion

KCC claimed that the exhibition of historical artefacts would be improved with the conversion of the museum into a history resource centre.

But the campaign group said it would fight on.

Mr Spurrier said: "If they do close the museum it will not be the end, it will only be the beginning of our campaign to bring back Folkestone Museum."

He claimed the museum's standards had fallen because of a lack of investment from the authority, which has been responsible for the site since 1974.

Cllr Mike Hill, KCC's cabinet member for community cervices, said: "The new History Resource Centre will encourage people of all ages to explore the extensive collections at their own pace and take part in a unique learning experience.

"Folkestone is not so much losing a museum as gaining a History Resource Centre.

"This new development will make the vast collection of historical items, most of which are currently in storage and not in display, accessible to visitors."

He added: "The only artefacts that will be sent to other locations for careful restoration and display are natural history and textile items that do not have local significance or relevance to the town's historical record."







Eurostar could face rival

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DIRECT flights could start to Brussels from Kent after Eurostar slashed axed services from Ashford International station to the Belgian capital.

Steven Fitzgerald, chief executive of Infratil Airports, which runs Kent International Airport at Manston, told KOS Media he is in talks with airlines about the idea.

The opening of the £100 million Ebbsfleet International station this week saw Eurostar cut the number of trains from Ashford to Paris and cancel all services to Brussels.

The loss of services at Ashford has come as a blow for the local economy – and led to calls for rival operators to be allowed to use the station.

Mr Fitzgerald said he believed there was demand for direct flights to Brussels from Manston.

"We're working very hard on getting people to launch scheduled flights to a number of places," he said.

"We're being approached and continue to approach a lot of operators on a lot of flights and certainly the fact Eurostar is not going to be giving the same level of service it has in the past is something we're pointing out to people we talk to.

"Brussels is somewhere that people have got established links to, it's a good destination and it's now higher up the list of destinations that we talk to people about."

Manston already has services to destinations including Faro in Portugal and Alicante in Spain.

Dr Stephen Ladyman, Labour MP for South Thanet, said he would be delighted if direct flights to Brussels began at Manston.

"The decision by Eurostar to stop Brussels services from Ashford is bad for Eurostar and bad for east Kent, but clearly it does leave an opportunity that the airlines and Manston can exploit," he said.

"If the Eurostar decision forces people to fly in the future that blows Eurostar's green credentials out of the water, but a thriving airport at Manston with scheduled passenger services to one of Europe's great capitals will be great for Thanet and the local economy so I'm right behind what they are trying to achieve."

Brussels is regarded by many as the capital of Europe because most European Union institutions have their headquarters there. The European Commission and Parliament employ 30,000 people in the city, which is also headquarters for Nato.

Richard Ashworth, Tory MEP for the South East, said he "regretted" Eurostar's decision to downgrade Ashford International station, but he will work to find another operator to provide services.

Mr Ashworth said: "The immediate future for Ashford International is glum, but its best hope rests with another operator. My message to Eurostar is: if you can't provide services from Ashford, step aside and allow someone else to."

In debate on Tuesday night, Damian Green, Tory MP for Ashford, told the House of Commons there was "a classic black hole" between the responsibilities of the public and private sectors in the case of the Government's failure to force Eurostar to maintain its Brussels service from Ashford International.

He told this newspaper he would welcome another train operator using Ashford International.

A spokeswoman for Eurostar said there was nothing to stop another train operator using Ashford when its access agreements expire.

She said: "We've had to, as an operator, have a degree of certainty for guaranteeing timetables and connections, particularly going into the Continent. We do have access agreements in place but that's not to prevent anybody else using it."

She said research had shown cutting services at Ashford was justified.

"We believe we need to give Ebbsfleet a very good chance and we believe the regeneration of that area is absolutely fundamental for the Thames Gateway. If we've got it wrong we will adjust the stopping patterns accordingly."

EUROSTAR has come under fire for an advertising campaign depicting stereotypical images of Britons.

British people living in Belgium complained about an advert which showed a skinhead urinating in a teacup.

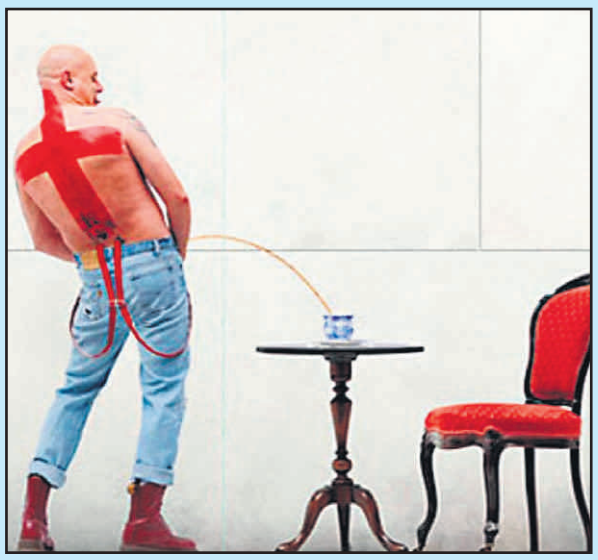
A company spokeswoman apologised for the billboard adverts, but said they would not be withdrawn.

Richard Brown, the Eurostar chief executive, defended the campaign.

He said: "I think it just highlights the differences in culture and humour in the two countries. Belgians think it's great and humorous and actually increases their desire to use Eurostar and go to London.

"They don't see it as symbolic of anyone in Great Britain – they just see it as a cartoon.

"Only a small number of English people have taken offence and we didn't mean to cause offence and we apologise to them. But actually most British people think it's quite amusing too because they realise it's a spoof."



BAD TASTE: This Belgian advert has caused offence







Manston flights

Kent's 'huge benefits' from train stations

THE county of Kent is "enormously better off" with two Eurostar stations, according to the company's chief executive, ***writes Chris Murphy***.

This week saw the opening of the new £180 million station at Ebbsfleet.

The station, in North Kent, has superseded Ashford as the hub of the county's international services.

The first high-speed train left St Pancras on Monday morning with 244 passengers, with 159 people boarding the train at Ebbsfleet for the onward journey to Paris on the line named High Speed 1.

The run from the Ebbsfleet terminal to Paris is scheduled to take little more than two hours, and 1h 41min to Brussels and 1h 10min to Lille.

Richard Brown, Eurostar's chief executive, said the area was chosen for the six-platform station because it was central for 10 million people outside London with the M25 just minutes away, and quicker and more comfortable than flying with seven trains a day.

It has 9,000 parking spaces, and Eurostar expects to see a million passengers year.

Mr Brown said: "Bookings from Ebbsfleet are very encouraging with plenty of local people using it. They have watched it being built over the years, and now want to use it.

"Our catchment area is seen as the area all around London, Cambridgeshire and Hampshire even. The principal challenge we have is that Ebbsfleet is a new place. It doesn't really exist yet as a community and is just starting to take off. We have got to put it on people's mental maps.



GETTING ON THE MAP: Eurostar chief executive Richard Brown

Confident

"That is not something you can do overnight. We are on all the AA guides, we are on TomTom and Garmin, the electronic guides, but it takes time to get onto petrol station road maps.

"But over the next year to 18 months we are confident we can put Ebbsfleet on the map in a big way.

"It will be a very popular station because it is very accessible and is a very easy place to get to."

Of the controversial decision to scrap the connection between Ashford and Brussels, he said there were too few passengers to justify continuing the service.

Mr Brown said: "We have left the services at Ashford which are the most popular, like those to Disneyland Paris and the French Alps.

"Would you believe that there are more people on one train to Disneyland on one day than all the trains to Brussels? We understand people's disappointment, but we have to strike a balance.

"Kent now has two Eurostar international stations, two more than any other British county, and they are not there just to serve Kent, we have the rest of the country to think of as well.

"But Kent as a whole is enormously better off with both stations."

As for hopes to extend the network, he said there are no plans at present, although he would like to see it happen.

He said: "We named the first high-speed line High Speed 1 with a little more than tongue in cheek. We would love to see a High Speed 2 and even a High Speed 3 as some point.

"We won't run our high-speed trains on anything other than a high-speed line, but we have to wait for a company to build them."

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A CAT from Kent has turned up 300 miles away in West Yorkshire.

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New ward to aid hospital clean-up

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A TEMPORARY building will be used to create space for the deep cleaning of wards at Maidstone Hospital – to help stop further superbug outbreaks.

In a bid to restore public confidence in the crisis-ridden hospital, its new bosses have been looking at the best way of halting the spread of lethal infections like Clostridium difficile and MRSA.

They have decided to install a new two-storey modular ward, believed to cost about £2 million, to allow existing wards to be moved around for cleaning and upgrading.

A fresh outbreak of C diff was formally declared over on Thursday, after infecting six adult patients in two weeks at one ward of the hospital.

Paul Bryden, spokesman for the Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust, said on Friday: "Five of the patients are still with us being looked after inside wards.

"The sixth had actually been discharged, as it happens to Holland, before we knew he had C diff."

Work to build the new ward, a temporary structure, will start in April 2008. It will remain at the site for up to 20 years. Mr Bryden said the plan is for Boxley ward, which houses the hospital's rehabilitation service, to move into the new unit in July.

There will then be a rolling programme of all the other wards at the hospital taking it in turn to move into what was Boxley ward, while their ward is cleansed of the bacteria which causes superbug infections.

Rehabilitation

Mr Bryden said: "Plans are being considered and developed for a new two-storey modular ward for Maidstone Hospital.

"This will allow Boxley ward to move into this new unit with enhanced rehabilitation facilities.

"Other wards will then be able in turn to decant into the space vacated by Boxley patients to allow an upgrade of facilities and further deep cleaning across the hospital.

"Deep cleaning of wards at Maidstone Hospital is already underway, bay by bay, and being able to completely empty a ward of patients to new facilities will further facilitate the deep cleaning process."

The move will provide the hospital with more beds and greater space between them, to make cleaning easier after wards have been deep cleansed. This follows a damning report by the Healthcare Commission into the UK's worst outbreaks of superbug C diff in which 90 patients died at Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells and Pembury hospitals.

The health watchdog ruled that poor infection control and management failings exacerbated the spread of the killer stomach bug. Several top figures resigned.



OUTBREAK: The hospital at the centre of the C diff scandal

I killed Brit spy, claims Russian

NEW light has been shed on a Cold War mission that inspired James Bond author Ian Fleming.

A retired Russian sailor claims he killed naval war hero Lionel 'Buster' Crabb after catching him during an underwater mission targeting his ship in Portsmouth harbour in 1956.

Eduard Koltsov, who was 23 at the time, claims he found Crabb attaching a limpet mine to the hull – and duly cut his throat.

Commander Crabb's headless body was washed up 14 months later.

He is thought by many to have partly inspired Fleming's Bond.

Fleming, who had a house in St Margaret's Bay in the 1950s and 1960s, used the mission as the basis of a scene in Thunderball.

Heartless thieves steal charity boxes

POLICE are appealing to business owners to help catch a gang stealing charity boxes and cash using a money change scam.

In one theft, at a shop at St John's Hill, Sevenoaks, two men asked to change around £200, distracted staff and managed to leave with more money.

The other incidents were in High Street, Tonbridge. Police believe the men were also involved in the recent theft of several charity boxes nearby.

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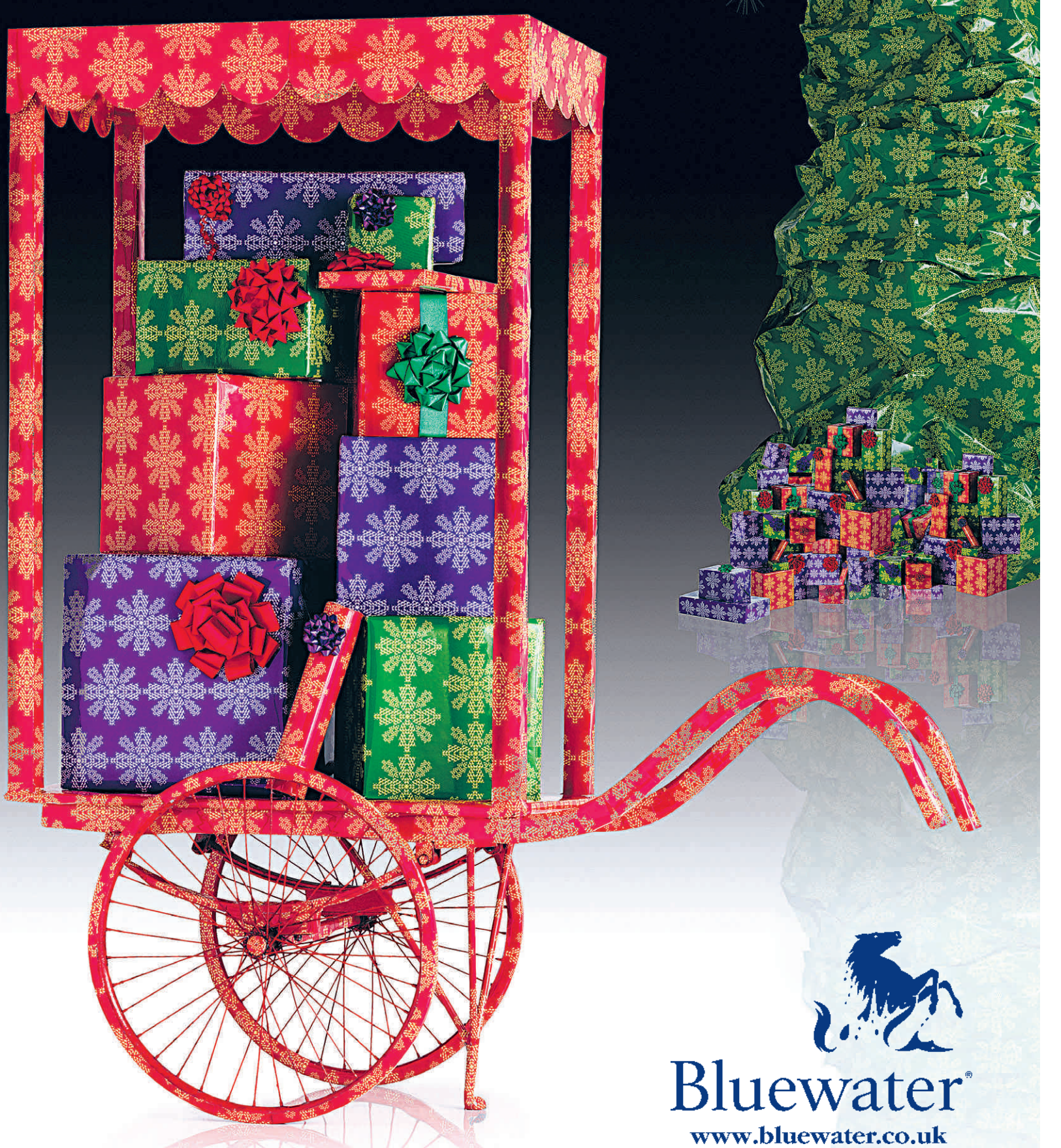
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Widow tells of ordeal as charity highlights lack of support for cancer patients and their families

'Spare us the details'

Callous reaction when woman broke tragic news to employer that her husband had leukaemia

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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WITH her husband in hospital with leukaemia, Susan Smith hoped her employer might be able to show some understanding.

But instead her bosses acted in an unsympathetic and unsupportive way, leaving her close to breaking point.

Her manager even told her to spare the details when she informed him about her husband's life-threatening condition, said Mrs Smith, who lives near Tunbridge Wells.

She helped her husband, George, through his battle with cancer which spanned the 14 years of their marriage.

She said: "The treatment can be horrible, you go through living hell. The last thing you need is for your employer to make it even more difficult."

Supportive

Her husband, who lost his long battle against illness in August this year, was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma in 1993 after the couple returned from their honeymoon.

The 41 year old was an officer in the British Army. He found the Army incredibly supportive – giving him fully paid leave to receive the treatment he needed.

He recovered, but developed leukaemia in 2003 as a result of the treatment he received for Hodgkins.

He had chemo and radiotherapy before a bone marrow donor was found, after which he spent a further nine months in hospital.

At the time, Mrs Smith was working for a major company in London.

She said: "It was really difficult. I was more or less living in the hospital on a camp bed, so it wasn't fantastic when my employer decided I wasn't being enthusiastic enough about my job.

"They insisted I go through a performance review at the very time he was about to receive the bone marrow," she said.

It was a stressful and emotional period for Mrs Smith. At one point her husband nearly died when he had to be resuscitated after his blood pressure dropped.

She said: "To be honest, I was fairly close to breaking point. My stress levels were as high as I could manage."

Her line manager had been unsupportive from the beginning and after she told him about the cancer he said he "didn't want to hear the details".

Macmillan, a charity that supports cancer patients and their families, said the response of Mrs Smith's employers was not unusual.

This week, the charity launched a national campaign to highlight the lack of advice and support available to people diagnosed with cancer and their carers at work.

Nearly 100,000 people of working age will be diagnosed with cancer this year and more people than ever are living with the disease, Macmillan figures show.

It is essential that employers are better equipped to deal with the issues that arise for both patients and their families, the charity said.

Mrs Smith's GP signed her off work for three months and when she returned to the company, which Kent on Sunday has not named, she instructed lawyers to ensure the performance test she had been forced to take was void.

"He made a full recovery, he got back to work and at that time our son was born," she said. "He started training for the marathon but just a year ago, around Christmas, he fell ill with complications from the bone marrow transplant."

After the birth of her son, Mrs Smith left her previous company and began work at another firm in London, which she said has been incredibly supportive.

Stigma

She said: "I still think there's a bit of a stigma attached to cancer – people don't want to confront it. I was treated quite appallingly and my husband had to worry about it too.

"It is probably why I didn't request a single day off until he died because I was paranoid about what had happened before."

She talked of her regret at not taking time off to spend with her husband before he died.

"Unfortunately, the last time [I saw him] he was unconscious. They realised around April he was very ill, but he had pulled through before so we were quite optimistic.

"Now I look back and I don't think even George thought he was going to come out of this one. We were wishing for a Hollywood ending, especially after our son was born it was like a miracle. But sadly that didn't happen."



HAPPY DAYS: The Smith family together, before husband George lost his long battle against illness

• ***Names have been changed in this article. Visit www.macmillan.org.uk for more details about the campaign.***

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Churchill relative facing drugs rap

ONE of Sir Winston Churchill's great-grandsons has pleaded guilty in an Australian court to being part of a major drugs syndicate.

Nicholas Jake Gompo Barton, 33, faces a lengthy jail sentence after he admitted to knowingly taking part in supplying a commercial quantity of a prohibited drug. The maximum jail term is 20 years.

He was arrested at his home during a series of raids in Sydney that resulted in the seizure of around 250,000 ecstasy tablets with a street value of around £5 million.

Barton's mother, Arabella Spencer Churchill, is the daughter of Randolph Churchill, the son of the great World War Two leader.

She was described as Sir Winston's favourite granddaughter.

Barton, who emigrated to Australia when he was 18, will remain in custody until sentencing in February.

His father, James Barton, who attended the hearing, said his son had not known the full extent of the ecstasy operation, but had "made an error which he deeply regrets."

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COMMENT

Sinister records

THE National DNA Database continues to grow at an alarming rate.

While it is no doubt a valuable investigative tool for police, more attention must be drawn to whose profiles it contains.

The fact the Government has access to such sensitive information from innocent people who may not even know their details are being held, is nothing short of sinister.

DNA profiles from 900,000 children are among those contained by the UK database.

Serious concerns were raised this week about the Government's competence to safely hold personal data after it lost information on more than 25 million child benefit claimants, including dates of birth, national insurance numbers, and bank and building society details.

The debacle at HMRC has called into question the idea of a national ID card system the Government remains adamant in implementing.

It ignited fears over the safety and security of personal information in the hands of Government.

An urgent debate is needed about the database's content and this Government's insatiable hunger for gathering more and more personal details.

Stop the deaths

WHALES are among the most magnificent animals in the world.

It was somewhat inevitable that the Japanese launch of a fleet intent on killing 1,000 of the incredible creatures would provoke global condemnation.

Many have questioned Japan's claim that the expedition is in the name of science. Most will say this barbarism should stop.

OPINION: Programmes lack vision

JOCELYN HAY on the lack of quality children's TV being beamed into our homes



OF THE thousands of children's TV programmes available to kids today, only one in 100 is an original UK production being shown for the first time. These shocking figures were revealed at a recent conference organised by the Kent-based Voice of the Listener and Viewer (VLV).

Does it matter? Yes, it certainly does.

Television is a powerful influence on young minds and while many of these programmes are entertaining, most are American-made cartoons and soaps and do little to stimulate the imagination, or help children to understand the world in which they live.

Children need, and deserve, programmes which reflect their own language, literature, values, history and environment if they are to grow up to become well-rounded citizens of the UK and not of some mid-Atlantic fantasy land.

High-quality children's programmes used to be available on ITV and the BBC, but now competition from the unregulated satellite and cable channels has fragmented the audience, leading ITV to stop producing and transmitting children's programmes because it is more profitable to broadcast adult programmes in the afternoon children's slots.

It's not just children's programmes – regional news, and documentaries are under threat, as are arts and education programmes.

Ofcom, the commercial TV regulator, believes that the BBC can fill the gap, but it too is facing its own financial crisis following the recent lower than expected licence fee settlement and the need

'Children deserve programmes which reflect their own language, literature, values, history and environment'

to help vulnerable viewers make the switch to digital television. On top of that, there's the threat that a slice of the licence fee income might be used to fund 'public service' programmes on the commercial channels.

So how does the chairman of the BBC Trust – which is supposed to guard the interests of the viewer and listener – feel about the future?

On November 29, its new chairman, Sir Michael Lyons, will be the keynote speaker at a VLV conference in London.

Like most VLV events it is open to the public and will provide a unique opportunity for the public to hear and question Sir Michael at first hand. VLV is also glad to make a special offer to readers of Kent on Sunday – a year's membership and attendance at the conference (including lunch) for just £60 (attendance at the conference, including lunch, £40.)

VLV believes that broadcasting is one of the most powerful influences on our democracy and our culture. It is far too important to be left to the mercies of the market.

The VLV is the only organisation speaking for the citizen and consumer across the full range of broadcasting issues.

It is free from political, commercial or sectarian affiliations and membership is open to all who care about the quality diversity and independence of British broadcasting.

The organisation is based in Gravesend and is always glad to receive offers of help in kind, in cash or in person. All kinds of help are welcome and at the same time volunteers will gain a fascinating insight into how the modern media works.

'Competition from the unregulated satellite and cable channels has fragmented the audience'

If you are interested, please contact the Voice of the Listener and Viewer (VLV) at 101 Kings Drive, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5BQ, 01474 352835. Email: info@vlv.org.uk

The normal price for individuals to attend the conference is £75 and membership of VLV £25.

• ***Jocelyn Hay is chairwoman of the Voice of the Listener and Viewer.***

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BIRTHS

AGBOOLA
Sunday and Folasade are delighted to announce the birth of their son Ithiel Tioluwanimi on 30th October 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital Dartford, weighing 7lb 11oz.

ALDRED
Sophia Rose born on 17th October 2007,weighing 5lb 12oz. Daughter to Simon and Claire Aldred in Ramsgate. Sister to Reice. Two beautiful children, now our family is complete.

BARNES-HOLLEBONE
Nigel and Sarah Barnes-Hollebone are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Poppy Anya on 11th November 2007 at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

BEAL
Luca Christopher born in Margate on 5th November 2007 weighing 9lb 12oz son to Georgia and Julian brother to Lexie.

BIRD
Claire and Peter celebrate the birth of their daughter Patience Orchid on 4th November 2007 in Margate.

BROOK
Simon and Alexandra of Canterbury are very proud to announce the birth of their second son, Tobias Simon Henry Mutethia, on 9th November 2007. A new brother for Adam.

BROWN
Nicholas and Wendy of Horsmonden are delighted to announce the birth of their son Aaron Robert on 7th November 2007 weighing 7lb 8oz, a brother for Molly.

BUCHANAN
Toby Benjamin born on the 10th November 2007. Weighing 7lb 9oz, a Son to Georgina and Tony and Brother to Bethany Braden and Elise.

BULL
Charlotte of Canterbury is very proud to announce the birth of her daughter, Ellie-Grace Lesley, on 10th November 2007. Ellie-Grace weighed 7Ib 15oz. A new baby sister for Katie.

CAMPBELL
Sara and Bruce Campbell of Kemsley celebrate the birth of their daughter Amelia Louise Campbell on 10th November 2007.

CANNON
Sophie Lauren born on 5th October 2007,weighing 7lb 8oz. Daughter to Ian and Sarah in Ramsgate. Sister to Amy-Leigh, Jessica,Thomas, and Rebecca.

CAPPER
Amy and Steve of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Alfie Ryan, on 22nd October 2007.

COBB
Caroline and John Cobb of Kings Hill celebrate the birth of their daughter Eva Grace Cobb on 10th November 2007.

EDWARDS
Adam and Lyndsey are pleased to announce the Birth of Isabelle Lily, born on 16th November 2007 at Pembury Hospital weighing 8lb 4oz.

FRIEND
Ellesse-Rose and Summer-Leigh born on 26th October 2007 weighing 2lb 13oz and 3lb 4oz. Daughters of Charmaine and David and sisters to Mitchell, Margate. Mummys and Daddys special little angels.

GOLDSMITH
Karen Drummond and Toby Goldsmith of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughtrer Holly Charlotte Goldsmith on the 4th November 2007, weighing 5lb 15.5oz.

GOWEN
Emily Martha born at the William Harvey Hospital on 15th November 2007 weighing 9lb 4oz Daughter to Jo and Matthew Gowen and sister to Jack.

GRANT
Tom and Alison of Canterbury happily announce the birth of their son, Samuel Gregor, on 31st October 2007 weighing 8lb 9oz. A new baby brother for Anna-Lucas.

GREENFIELD
Jake born on 6th November 2007, weighing 6lb 5oz. Son to Rachel and Brian Greenfield in Wrotham.

GRIFFITHS
Louise and Nathan are delighted to announce the birth of their handsome baby boy, Thomas William Roden, born 7th November weighing 8lb 2oz. Only two weeks late!

HEASMAN
Ella Rose born on 13th November 2007, weighing 9lb 1oz. Daughter to Louise and Cliff in Maidstone.

HICKS
Rachel Grech-Marguerat and Simon Hicks of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Emily Rebecca Hicks on 9th November 2007.

HILLS
Holly Anne born on 13th November 2007, weighing 7lb 11oz. Daughter to Joanne and Lee. Sister to Jack.

HOWARD
India Lily born on the 6th November 2007, weighing 8lb 15oz. Daughter to Sacha and Christy, and sister to Hermione Ruby in Maidstone.

JOHNSON
Toni and Dan celebrate the birth of their daughter Isobel Patricia Johnson on 6th November 2007.

KAMEOKA-NORRIS
Carl and Yoshimi of Whitstable are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Yula on 5th November 2007. A new baby sister for Kouta.

KENDALL
Marc and Clare of Herne Bay are very proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Paige Denise, on 8th November 2007.

KERMAN
Ed and Maria are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughters Livia Susa and Isobel Eleanora born 7th November 2007 at Pembury Hospital.

KUMAR
Hayden Joshua son to Anil and Ann-Marie Kumar born on 8th November 2007 weighing 8lb 2oz.

LEONARD
David and Alexandra of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Ruby Jane, on 18th October 2007 weighing 5lb 8oz.

LETHBY
Toby and Anna of Leybourne celebrate the birth of their daughter Madison Rose Lethby on 12th November 2007.

LOWE
Harvey Jack Eden born on the 8th November 2007, weighing 10lb 9oz, son to Claire and Ian. Brother to Emma, Katie and Ellie. With many thanks to Jackie.

MACKNEY
Vicki and Richard are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Elisha Carmen born on 1st November 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital Dartford, weighing 8lb 14oz.

MARTIN
Isaac Paul Michael born 13.11.07 weighing 7lb 1oz First Born to Serena Treharne and Jeremy Martin.

MARTIN
Jasmine Dowsey and David Martin celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby Louise Martin on 5th November 2007.

MILES
Yasmin born on 14th November 2007, weighing 7lb 3oz. Daughter to Ryan Miles and Sarah Hartill in Ashford.

MILLER
Jane and Andrew are delighted to announce the birth of Bethany Grace on 25th October 2007. A beautiful baby girl.

MLOYI
Thembani and Rosalyn are delighted to announce the birth of their son Jayden Thapelo born on 28th October 2007 at Darent Valley Hospital Dartford

PARKER
Matthew and Karen are celebrating the new Birth of Amy Elizabeth born on 18th November 2007 weighing 7lb 10oz. Little Sister to Ryan.

PULLEN
Luke James Pullen born on 03/11/2007 2 weeks early and weighed 4lb 5oz, son of Jason Pullen and Joanna Goldsmith.

ROBBINS-HOUSTON
Petra-Jane and David of Marden celebrate the birth of their son Jack Peter Robbins-Houston on 13th October 2007. Brother of Harry David.

ROBERTS
Jessica May Roberts born on 16th November 2007, weighing 7lb 5oz. Daughter to Stuart and Jamie Roberts, and sister to Daisy, in Larkfield.

ROBSON
Lillie Jo Robson born on 26th October 2007 weighing 6lb 15oz to Claire Wakefield and Aiden Robson.

ROISSETTER
Gordon and Francesca of Aylesham are very proud to announce the birth of their son,Alfie Jack,on 8th November 2007 weighing 7Ib 11oz.

SAWYER
Chris and Marion of Tunbridge Wells are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Emilia Madeleine weighing 10lb. A sister for Oliver.

SHEPHERD
John and Aneta of Canterbury are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Sarah, on 18th October 2007. A new baby sister for Maja.

TAYLOR
Wayne and Sharon of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Lee Thomas Richard, on 9th November 2007. A new baby brother for Emily.

THOMSON
Rob and Caroline are pleased to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Rebecca Jane born on the 11th November 2007, weighing 8lb 13oz at Pembury Hospital.

WALDEN
Graham and Caley Walden are very proud of their new addition, Ava Walden who arrived early at 16:15 on the 21-10-2007 weighing 2lb 3oz at Pembury Hospital. We cant wait to take you home.

WINDSOR
Emma Sian born on 29th October 2007, weighing 7lb 13oz, daughter to Andy and Liz .

WOODS
Bailey Ky born on 8th November 2007,weighing 8lb 4oz. Son to Sian and George.Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

WYLES
To James and Emily a beautiful son, Harry Robert Paul, born at home on 1st November 2007. A new baby brother for Abigail.

DEATHS

ALANSKAS
Keith James died on Sunday 18th November 2007 at Pilgrims Hospice Canterbury. Beloved husband of Enid. Funeral service at Barham Crematorium on Tuesday 27th November at 12.40pm. All enquiries to Farriers Funeral Directors of Dover.

ASHDOWN
Marjorie Florence Ashdown of Wrotham passed away on 12th November 2007. Funeral on Monday 26th November at 1:15 at Vinters Park Crematorium.

BENSON
Ken Benson of Herne Bay passed away on 12th November 2007.The nicest man anyone could wish to meet.A loving husband and dad who will be so very sadly missed.

BOLTON
Derek James passed away on 18th November 2007. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Who will be so sadly missed and forever in our hearts. Funeral service at St Peters Church Farningham 30th November at 2pm.

BROWN
Alec William, man of Southborough, passed away peacefully at Birkin Lodge, 20th November 2007. Age 96. Reunited with his wife Katey. Will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral Southborough Cemetery Thursday 29th November, 12noon.

BUCKNER
Alfred Horace, To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

CARR
Elisabeth Mary, Beloved Mother of Jane, Andy and Peter. Released from suffering 13th November 2007. Rest in Peace.

CLEAR
Harvey (Chris) Clear died peacefully on 17th November 2007. Funeral service at Medway Crematorium at 11.00am on 29th November 2007. Enquiries to T S Horlock and Son Ltd 01474 352159.

COLES
Edith Maud Coles passed away on 13th November 2007 aged 95 and will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

ELLIOTT
Valerie May Elliott of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 19th November 2007. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.Funeral to be held at Barham on Wednesday 28th November at 10.40.Family flowers only but if desired any donations please contact A Welch and Son of Canterbury.

HAYES
Vera Jean Hayes of Canterbury passed away very suddenly on 16th November 2007.Loving wife of Trevor and much loved mum to son Craig. She will be very sadly missed by all who knew her. The funeral will be held at Barham Crematorium on Tuesday 27th November at 11.20.

McCAMLEY
William McCamley of Margate passed away peacefully after a long illness on 15th November 2007, aged 73.

McGOVERN
Terence born 09.01.1941 loving Husband of Frances Beloved Brother of Jane and Uncle to the Family passed away on the 19th November 2007 RIP.

NEWBERY
James Herbert.Sq Ldr (Retd) DFC.Passed away suddenly on 11th November , aged 83 years. Private cremation on 20th November. Thanksgiving Service to celebrate his life at Christ Church, William Street, Herne Bay on 1st December at 2.30pm.Donations to RNLI or RAF Benevolent Fund.

PORTER
Gail Christine of Sevenoaks Mother of Josh, Wife of Fred much missed never to be forgotten.

REED
Sheila Reed of Tonbridge Kent passed away peacefully after a long illness on the Eighteenth of November 2007.

TULIP
Lillian Tryphena Tulip of Faversham passed away after a long illness at Canterbury hospital on 9th November 2007. A much loved wife, mother and Nan who will be very sadly missed.

MARRIAGES

DEBBIE BARROW AND ROBIN TEBBUTT
The marriage took place on 23rd November 2007 at Elwick House, Ashford at 2pm.

Trip a waste of energy

EUROSTAR'S souvenir programme Hello, Bonjour, Hallo – distributed to visitors on the opening day of St Pancras International – proudly proclaims that all journeys on Eurostar are carbon neutral, at no extra cost to the traveller.

Conveniently ignored was how much energy will be consumed and the extra time it will take those unable to commence or finish their journey at Ashford to reach their destination.

That is assuming they do not desert Eurostar and travel on ferries or by air. They might well find out that the downgrading of Ashford in favour of Ebbsfleet is premature.

The question mark hanging over the expected (lack of) progress regarding the regeneration of the Thames Gateway in the short to medium-term future does not bode well for them.

Only the Medway towns and possibly Bexley and Bromley seem likely to benefit from Ebbsfleet. Surely many people from Kent and East Sussex who stay loyal to Eurostar will be more likely to use St Pancras?

At present, the area surrounding Ebbsfleet International resembles a landfill site. Only the associated refuse and seagulls are absent. What an incentive to go anywhere near there.

Richard Phillips
Sandhurst

Give us a fare service

I AGREE totally with recent correspondence concerning the bus service in our area.

I live on the outskirts of Dartford and there is no bus service on Sundays or Bank Holidays after about 7pm.

It's a three-mile walk into town so we are trapped at home. I have two young children which means I can't take them to events on these days or shopping at Bluewater. You can't even visit someone in hospital and during school holidays the service is reduced further.

I pay £4.80 for my fare into town, but it won't be long until I have to pay for my children too, which will cost nearly £10.

In London, children under 16 do not have to pay a bus fare and in Kent they are piloting a scheme for 11 to 16 year olds to have free travel on the buses. I hope this will be rolled out across the county.

We are supposed to be encouraged to use public transport to cut congestion and protect the environment, but how can we when our bus services aren't family friendly?

S Bedford
Dartford

Freedom to travel

Your correspondent P O'Keeffe last week painted a depressing picture of young people.

There are behavioural issues on buses, but the perpetrators are of a small minority and the county council works closely with the schools and bus operators to identify them.

The Kent Freedom Scheme is designed to reduce congestion and widen travel options for young people. We have received dozens of positive comments from students who are delighted with the additional travel opportunities that Freedom has given.

We are trialling schemes in Canterbury and Tonbridge/Tunbridge Wells to test the principle of free travel before it is offered countywide.

Since it began June, Freedom has gone well and bus operators have given excellent support in dealing with isolated incidents of trouble.

KCC, the first authority outside London to introduce free travel, will continue to offer this facility based upon the successful trials.

David Hall
County transportation manager
Kent County Council

Ditch the Tory jailbirds

YOUR article about Jonathan Aitken joining the Centre for Social Justice indicates to law-abiding people how David Cameron values the fight against crime and the increasingly lenient sentences handed to criminals by liberal minded, unelected judges.

Aitken is an ex-convict, having served 18 months for perjury and perverting the course of justice. He was also prepared to involve his family to get him off a self-inflicted hook.

It is amazing how such middle-class types, when convicted for their crimes, suddenly became prison reformers at the end of their jail terms. In this respect, I fully expect to read that Cameron also courted the advice of another Tory jailbird, Jeffrey Archer.

I suspect many would rather someone of Ann Widdecombe's stature and experience to advise on social justice, rather than those with a criminal record.

Cameron and Iain Duncan Smith should leave Aitken out of the group, otherwise its advice will be tainted.

John Samson
Maidstone

No need for badger cull

THE RSPCA is echoing the anger and dismay of top scientists provoked by a Government advisor's "outrageous and misinformed" call for a badger cull to reduce bovine TB (bTB) in cattle.

Robust science has shown that a cull could have disastrous consequences for cattle and badgers, so experts are shocked by the stance of Government advisor Sir David King. His recommendation contradicts the most rigorous scientific study ever produced on the impact of badger-culling on bTB in cattle.

Professor John Bourne – whose Independent Scientific Group (ISG) undertook the badger-culling study – has recently told a committee of MPs the King report appeared "hastily written" and "superficial". The ISG recommended cattle controls to reduce the spread of bTB.

The RSPCA supported the ISG's research – despite the large numbers of badgers that died in the process – because we recognised the need for firm scientific evidence on the issue. The resulting ISG report effectively rules out a badger cull, concluding that "badger culling can make no meaningful contribution to cattle TB control in Britain".

To dismiss that and proceed with a cull would make a nonsense of the ISG research which took almost 10 years, cost the lives of more than 10,000 badgers and cost taxpayers £34 million.

Even world-renowned scientific journal, Nature, has questioned why the Government should consider ignoring the advice offered by Professor Bourne and the ISG, a committee the Government commissioned to provide it with advice on the issue.

To add your voice to this debate by contacting your MP, or write to the Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP, Secretary of State, Defra, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR.

For more information and to sign the online petition at www.rspca.org.uk/badgers.

Daphne Harris
RSPCA Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone

Gateway to trouble

YOUR article Gateway to Calamity gives cause for concern to those of us who live within the area of the Thames Gateway.

The grandiose plan was nurtured by the great intellect of former Deputy Prime Minister, John Prescott, itself a warning of problems to come.

The Government set housing targets and determined how many properties should be crammed into each hectare, effectively tying the hands of local planning departments.

Now MP Derek Wyatt is nervous about the quality of the houses and the fact nobody seems to be in overall charge. He thinks that development should only be allowed once the infrastructure to support the new population is in place – something that should have been obvious to an idiot from the start.

The Campaign to Protect Rural England is concerned that the objective of regeneration is being lost in favour of cramming houses in to meet Government targets, ignoring the damage to the environment.

But we have nothing to fear. Judith Armitt, the Thames Gateway chief executive, feels that high-density housing is fine as long as it looks nice. It seems she feels her job is to put in the minimum government money needed to induce private developers to get the job done.

What she should be doing is ensuring the Thames Gateway Project provides somewhere pleasant to live in and with the services which they need, including public transport.

There must be adequate car parking for the next few decades. It must also be taken into account that rising fuel costs are likely lead to a reduction in car use in the mid-200s, making other means of transport essential.

The new estates I have seen fail to meet these requirements. Cars are parked on the narrow roads because there is nowhere else to put them. Houses are small, restricting their scope as family homes.

New railway stations and high-speed rail services are to be welcomed, but they are no substitute for a larger, local, network.

The Olympic site will do nothing for the Thames Gateway in the long term; it is just the venue for a short spell of madness.

Perhaps the most significant thing in your article was the plan of the area of the Thames Gateway Project. Better to have put it in a textbook entitled Where Not to Build in the Time of Global Warming.

Michael K Baldwin
Sittingbourne

Grounds for complaint

IT IS disingenuous of Kent County Cricket Club's Jon Fordham to claim "most members support the plans" to redevelop the St Lawrence Ground. Out of a total of some 4,000 members, only 1,347 voted in favour.

Indeed, the majority of members didn't even vote, despite the incentive of a pre-paid envelope in which to return their voting paper.

Although I voted against the plans, I am not resistant to change and realise the ground needs upgrading. But I do not believe the current proposals are sustainable, or what Canterbury needs, and I am not convinced the redevelopment will provide the financial stability the club seeks.

Finally, suggesting the stadium will be more appealing to the ECB, Mr Fordham seems to forget that, unlike virtually every other first-class county, Kent's HQ is not located in a large conurbation.

That, first and foremost, is what the ECB needs to consistently generate the crowds to make international cricket financially viable.

Bill Burnett
Canterbury

The dangers of pesticides

IN BELATED response to the article on agricultural pesticides, I'm glad this subject has been explored by Kent on Sunday.

My house is surrounded by intensively farmed arable land and orchards.

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AE Redsell who responded to the same article was wrong in saying that expressed doubts about agricultural pesticides are "alarmist".

I would advise anyone who is concerned about this issue to contact Georgina Downs of the UK Pesticides Campaign.

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Olympic effort for volunteers

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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A GROUP of students have been praised for completing a special course, which has prepared them to become volunteers at the 2012 Olympics.

A total of 22 people, aged between 16 and 60, signed up to the Pre-Volunteering Programme at Bromley College of Further and Higher Education.

They were able to rub shoulders with Olympics heroes like Lord Sebastian Coe at the ceremony held at Wembley to acknowledge their success.

They have become members of the new Olympic volunteer scheme and were among hundreds of others who had attended a programme designed to encourage wider participation in volunteering for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games.

The free scheme was run in conjunction with Mytime, South London Partnership and The Volunteer Centre Bromley and was funded by the London Development Agency and the London Region Learning and Skills Council.

The course was made up of nine modules including volunteering and the Olympics, becoming a volunteer and team-working and interpersonal skills.

Some were returning to education for the first time since school and it gave many the confidence and inspiration needed to take their studies further and change their lives.



VOLUNTEERS: Lord Coe with students Marjorie Griffith, Leila Seeney and Gavin Fairhurst

The congratulatory evening was hosted by Choice FM's Daddy Ernie, and was attended by members of the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games, plus London Mayor Ken Livingston, MP Tessa Jowell and Lord Coe.

Tutor Leila Seeney accompanied the students to the platform, where they were presented with a medal by international wheelchair basketball player Ade Adepitan and British long jumper Jade Johnson.

The college said that because the programme was such a success, it is expected to be repeated in January and will be open to all who are out of work and looking to participate in volunteering for 2012 Olympics.

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Ceremony honours hard work of carers

A GROUP of people who have taken needy adults into their care had their dedication and commitment recognised at a ceremony in Medway. It was the first ever Adult Placement Carer Awards.

In a similar way to children being fostered, the Adult Placement Carer scheme enables adults with a learning disability to live with a carer in their home, and become part of an extended family.

Medway Council said the carers deserved a major recognition of the work they have done since the launch five years ago.

The awards ceremony took place at the distinguised surroundings of Cooling Castle, which is near Cliffe in Medway.

The proud winners were named as Helen Bukasoqo; Megan and Alf Burgess; Pat and Chris Oak; Margaret Hanley, and Gloria Morgan.

Cllr Tom Mason said: "This event was an opportunity to thank the carers who give others the chance to enjoy ordinary family life, make new friends and build positive relationships, as well as become part of a local community and social network."

Director of Community Services Ann Windiate said: "The Adult Placement Service provides a very special aspect to caring within ordinary families, and has supported adults with learning and physical disabilities.

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Mr Cozens, who works for Hurstscape Building Contractors in Aldington, near Ashford, said: "There were 700 people at the competition. It was brilliant. My boss put me through and I really enjoyed it."

His boss is Roger Lavender, who said: "I'm pleased Michael came back with the silver, but now I worry about keeping him!"

Mr Lockyer, added: "When Michael got silver I was told that because Adam got silver and gold in the past four years, South Kent College has become the best in the country for plastering."



PLASTERED: Trevor Carter, Andy Lockyer with Michael Cozens, silver medallist, and Adam Lockyer

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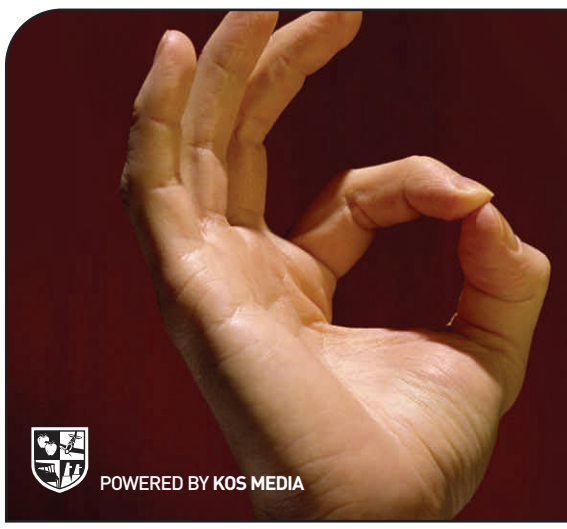
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MEDWAY ACADEMIC SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Ref: 00871/K3

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The post is 35 hours a week and participation in an evening and weekend rota may be required.

Salary: £18,702 - £21,682 per annum

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Location Maidstone

Ref: 747-119-0807

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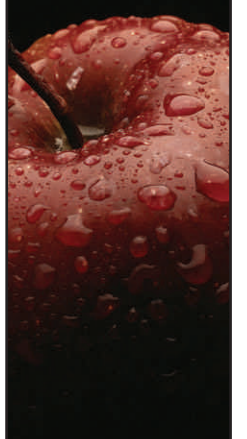
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To apply/more information
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Park Wood Junior School
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Gillingham
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Telephone - (01634) 234699
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Email headteacher@parkwood-jun.medway.sch.uk

Luton Junior School
Year 4 Classteacher
Salary: Main payscale
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To apply/more information
Miss Jillian Oliver, Headteacher
Luton Junior School
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Kent ME4 5AW
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Fax - 01634 843582
Email scotts001@medway.org.uk

Skinner Street Primary School
KS1 Teacher
Salary: Main/Upper payscale
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 25 February 2008
Closing date: 28 November 2007
To apply/more information
Ms Julia Tucker, Headteacher
Skinner Street Primary School
Skinner Street
Gillingham
Kent ME7 1LG
Telephone - (01634) 850213
Fax - 01634 580775
Email
office@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk

Temple Mill Primary School
Year 4 Teacher
Salary: MPS/Upper
Full Time and Temporary
Term of contract: Maternity Cover
Required From: 25 February 2008
Closing date: 30 November 2007
To apply/more information
Mrs Jane Bright, Headteacher
Temple Mill Primary School
Cliffe Road, Strood
Rochester
Kent ME2 3NL
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Email headteacher@templemill.medway.sch.uk

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Upper Key Stage 2 teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 January 2008
Closing date: 30 November 2007
To apply/more information
Mrs Zerina Slade, Headteacher
Napier Community Primary and Nursery School
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Email sladz001@medway.org.uk

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Salary: Main Scale + TLR 2c
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Closing date: 27 November 2007
To apply/more information
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St James' C of E VA Primary School,
Isle Of Grain
Rochester
Kent ME3 0BS
Phone: 01634 270341
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Email headteacher@stjames.medway.sch.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Chatham South
English Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Permanent
Required From: 1 January 2008
Closing date: 7 December 2007
To apply/more information
Mr Vincent O'Mara, Headteacher
Chatham South School
Letchworth Avenue
Chatham
Kent ME4 6NT
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Teacher of English
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Permanent
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Closing date: 5 December 2007
To apply/more information
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New Brompton College
Marlborough Road
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5HT
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Fax: 01634 853574
Email:
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Teacher of Science
Salary: MPS/UPS
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Closing date: 5 December 2007
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Closing date: 4 December 2007
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This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau and to registration as a qualified social worker with the general Social Care Council. **Ref: CD/07/266**

For further information, please contact Theresa Atkin on 01843 587976.

Closing date: midday, 30 November 2007.

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Shepway Centre, Maidstone

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With experience of working with parents/carers and/or children and young people, you will possess excellent oral and written communication skills along with project management experience and knowledge of the theory and principles of evaluation. Supervision will be provided.

The ability to travel across the county, sometimes at short notice will be essential.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: CFE/07/430**

Closing date: midday, 4 December 2007.

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As a self starter, you will be able to undertake research and work on specific projects with minimal supervision. There are elements of the work that will require immediate responses, so enhanced communication skills will be paramount, as you may need to implement alterations to existing operational arrangements at short notice. **Ref: ER/07/067.**

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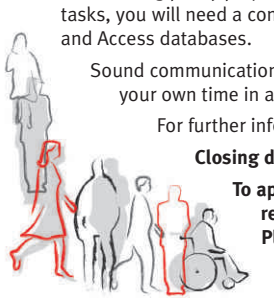
Undertaking policy project work, research, data collection, conference/events and other related tasks, you will need a confident telephone manner and an excellent working knowledge of Excel and Access databases.

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Interview Date: Monday 10th December 2007

For information:
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14-19 Partnership Manager

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £36,188 per annum Post Ref: 06/76/KOS
Interviews to be held on 18 December 2007

Can you raise the achievement and aspirations of Kent's teenagers?
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You will have a track record of implementing innovative strategies to deliver learning pathways and vocational learning opportunities for young people and be a strategic thinker with the tenacity, drive and diplomacy to improve student engagement, participation and achievement.

Faculty Head Engineering & Construction

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Interviews to be held on 18 December 2007

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As a College we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of both young people and vulnerable adults, and the promotion of this will form an integral part of your role. You will have significant experience in education leadership and people management, and will have the leadership skills to set the highest possible standards, both within your Faculty and throughout the College. In return, we will offer you the rewards and support you would expect at such a senior level.

Temporary Section Manager - Science, Mathematics and Psychology

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum Post Ref: 07/94/KOS
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We require a dynamic individual to manage the Science, Maths and Psychology provision in the College. It is essential to have experience of working within the AS/A Level provision. The successful candidate will have excellent leadership skills, good oral and written communication skills, a strong focus on quality and experience of teaching one of the key subjects.

Computing Support Manager

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Interviews to be held on 13 December 2007

A talented and technically skilled manager is required to lead on developing and supporting College wide IT services. You will develop and implement an ICT strategy that supports the College's corporate objectives and ILT strategy. You will be an excellent communicator with strong analytical and planning skills. You should be able to demonstrate sound staff management budgetary and procurement abilities.

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Resource Assistant

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum. Post ref: RA15/KOS

Learning Support

37 hrs per week or 2 posts at 18.5 hrs per week, Post ref: SH/LS/KOS
38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum.

Placement Officer – Childcare

18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum Post ref: SHPO/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas:

Various hours available, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 pro rata.

Administration	Post ref: SH/ADMIN/KOS
Beauty	Post ref: SH/BEAUTY/KOS
Cache	Post ref: SH/CACHE/KOS
Construction	Post ref: SH/CON/KOS
Hairdressing	Post ref: SH/HAIR/KOS
Office Skills	Post ref: SH/OS/KOS

Unless otherwise stated interviews will be held in the new year.
For an application pack please visit **www.cant-col.ac.uk** or call the Personnel Office on **01227 811282** (24 answerphone) quoting the post reference number.

The closing date for these posts is 6 December at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:
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Salary: £282.09 per week

We are seeking to employ a Gravedigger/Driver/Labourer based at the Brookvale Depot, Northfleet working on various sites around the borough, as needs arise.

Previous experience of working in a cemetery environment, general manual experience and a full clean driving licence are essential. Occasional weekend work will be required. **Ref: GDL/SA**

Closing date for both posts will be: 10 December 2007.

For an application form and job description please contact:
Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre,
Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone: 01474 33 70 00
Email: customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
Website: www.gravesham.gov.uk

Gravesham Borough Council is working towards equal opportunities and welcomes applications from all sections of the community. The Council also operates a no smoking policy.

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Swale Borough Council
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Exchequer Assistant

Ref: 184FS1

37 hours per week
£14,625 - £21,957 (Career graded)
(Depending on qualifications and experience)

The role will be to scan and process invoices, assist with the monthly payroll, carry out the weekly creditors' run and to perform duties relating to the efficient operation of the Exchequer Section.

The ideal candidate will be educated to A Level standard, have a Maths GCSE of at least Grade C or equivalent, a payroll or accounting qualification and knowledge and experience in payroll, payment of invoices, collection of income from debtors, or finance.

You will have strong numeracy, communication, customer care and general computer skills with the ability to use spreadsheets to their full effectiveness. Relevant training will be made available to progress through the career grade.

We welcome applications for flexible working arrangements.

In addition to salary, we can offer you a generous annual leave allowance, paid bank holidays, Local Government final salary pension scheme and flexi time working.

For further information contact Human Resources, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 3HT. Telephone (01795) 417414 (24 hour voice mail) quoting the above reference number.

E-Mail: hr@swale.gov.uk Website: http://jobs.swale.gov.uk

Closing date : 03 December 07
Interviews : w/c 10 December 07

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Please send CV and current salary to:
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Co-ordinator for HE Social Sciences
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,236 pro rata per annum — Post ref: 07/91/KOS

Lecturer Electrical Installations
2 posts at 37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 per annum — Post ref: 06/131/KOS
Successful post holders may also be eligible to apply for a Golden Hello payment of up to £5,000.

Lecturer Key Skills - Construction
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 pro rata per annum — Post ref: 06/175/KOS

Lecturer Health & Social Care
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 per annum — Post ref: 04/142/KOS

Gas Centre Assessor
37 hours per week , salary range £17,640 - £25,294 per annum — Post ref: 06/220/KOS

Supply Lecturers are required in the following areas
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 pro rata per annum

HE - Autocad for Construction	Post ref: S/HE/KOS
Floristry	Post ref: S/FL/KOS
Horticulture	Post ref: S/HOR/KOS
Equine Studies	Post ref: S/EQ/KOS
Land Based Studies	Post ref: S/LBS/KOS
Graphic Design	Post ref: S/GD/KOS
Early Years	Post ref: S/EY/KOS
Key Skills IT - Early Years	Post ref: S/KSIT/KOS
Health & Social Care	Post ref: S/HSC/KOS
Key Skills - Health & Social Care	Post ref: S/KSHSC/KOS
Key Skills - Public Services	Post ref: S/KSPS/KOS

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The closing date for these posts is 6 December at 12 noon.

Staff benefits include:
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Accounts Co-ordinator (fixed assets & projects)
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £20,674 per annum — Post ref: 07/95/KOS
Fixed term post to 31 July 2008

Senior Administrator – Student Support Services
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum — Post ref: 07/96/KOS

Trainer Demonstrator Graphic Design and Apple Mac based Art & Design
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum — Post ref: 07/92/KOS

Pre 16 Learning Support
25 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time — Post ref: 07/22/KOS
Salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum. Fixed term post until 31/08/10

Resource Assistant – Plumbing
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £14,464 per annum — Post ref: RA16/KOS

Service Desk Technician Level 3 (Computing Support)
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum — Post ref: SDT3/KOS

Service Desk Technician Level 2 (Computing Support)
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,284 per annum — Post ref: SDT2/KOS

Supply Administrators
Various hrs available,
Salary starting from £14,464 pro rata per annum — Post ref: S/Admin/KOS

Learning Support - Basic Skills & ESOL
18.5 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time — Post ref: 06/52/KOS
Salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum

Receptionist/Learning Support Hairdressing
27.75 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum
Fixed Term post for one year — Post ref: 06/208/KOS

Maintenance Carpenter with general building duties (Re-development)
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £16,284 per annum — Post ref: 01/124

Learning Resources Assistant – Book Shelver
2 posts at 10 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time — Post ref: LRCA6/KOS & LRCA7/KOS
Salary £13,097 pro rata per annum

Evening Catering Assistant
16 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time — Post ref: CA6/KOS
Salary £11,744 pro rata per annum

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Rochester, Kent

Education Administrator

Salary: £11,859 - £14,655 **Ref: P03791/07/1/AL**

We require an enthusiastic and motivated individual to join the education team at Medway STC. Under the direction of the Head of Education, you will provide a full range of clerical support activities to the unit. These activities will include data inputting, filing, photocopying, maintaining departmental and secure administrative systems and compiling statistical records. You will be able to work both independently and as a member of a team and be able to communicate effectively with a wide range of staff/clients.

You will also have experience of working with IT and of clerical/office work.

This post is exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1978 (as amended) and is therefore subject to appropriate clearance.

Closing date: Thursday 13 December 2007

For further details and an application form please quote the reference number and contact the Personnel Section.

Telephone 0161 611 7589 / 7548
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We are looking to recruit a Supervisor and a Club worker for Re:mix, a new and exciting Out of School Club that will run from 3.15pm to 6pm at Lawn Primary School, Northfleet.

- Supervisor post applicants should be qualified to at least level 3 in childcare, have experience of working in a high quality childcare setting, be motivated, enthusiastic and have a clear understanding of the National Standards for Out of School Care and child protection.

- Club worker applicants will be ideally qualified level 2 in child care, or willing to work towards this qualification. You will assist in the running of the club and have previous experience working in a childcare setting.

For more information or to apply, please contact Graeme Baldwin on roc@citypraisecentre.com or 01474 356773.

Closing date: Wednesday 5th of Dec 2007.
Interviews: Wednesday 12th Dec 2007

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BRADSTOW SCHOOL

Living and Learning Together

34 Dumpton Park Drive, Broadstairs Kent CT10 1BY

All appointments are subject to a CRB check

All shortlisted applicants will be expected to visit the school before interview, and the selection process includes a basic literacy assessment.

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£4,880 15 hours per week - weekends only - Term time only

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£12,678 pro rata - 36.5 and 33 hours per week – Term time only

Working as part of the childcare team, these roles involve providing care and support to students mornings, evenings and weekends

For all posts we are looking for candidates who are mature, practical, flexible and responsible with a patient and caring attitude to deal sensitively with vulnerable children.

For an application form and information pack please call 01843 862123, or email:
personnel@bradstow.wandsworth.sch.uk
Please note that CV's will not be considered.
Applications should be received no later than 12 noon on Friday 7th December 2007.

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Thanet is a great place to live and work. Our historic seaside towns of Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs are rich in heritage and opportunity. From the multi-million pound Turner Contemporary Gallery, the planned fast speed rail link to London, and the popular Westwood Cross shopping centre - this is an exciting time to join Thanet District Council. We are determined to improve the quality of life for local people. We believe that by listening to local people, working in active partnership and by being prepared to do things in an innovative way we can accelerate improvement and best meet the challenges ahead

Maintenance Manager

Salary £32,580- £40,113 per annum

Thanet Council owns and manages over 3,000 council homes. We are committed to having a first class repairs service for our tenants and ensuring that our future investment programme keeps the high standards that we have established and meets our tenants' aspirations. As our Maintenance Manager you would be expected to:

- Manage and motivate a small team of surveyors and their administrative support
- Develop our partnering arrangements with our key contractors to improve efficiency and maintain excellent standards of customer service
- Manage budgets and improve value for money
- Maintain a thorough knowledge of the investment needs of our housing stock and help plan future improvement programmes to meet these needs

For an informal discussion about this post, please contact Madeline Homer on 01843 577270

The closing date for this position is: Friday 21 December
Interviews will be held: Friday 18 January 2008

Environmental Health Officer

Salary £28,521 - £33,399 per annum (plus £2000 market supplement once top of grade reached)

This Environmental Health Officer (EHO) post is an opportunity to improve the quality of the environment and to protect the health of those living, working and visiting Thanet.

This post combines the normal role of a proactive EHO leading on the environmental crime agenda that connects with project based working to improve the health those living and working in Thanet. This involves;

Normal Environmental Protection duties and client caseloads involving issues such as commercial statutory nuisance, drainage, water supply, planning and licensing considerations.

Projects related to providing a coherent corporate and partner based environmental enforcement deterrent through communications campaigns, enforcement capability across wardens, service staff and enforcement officers as well as effective working with other agencies and the community.

Our new corporate theme of 'Supporting Healthy and Cohesive Communities' requires a project officer role to plan and deliver joint projects with our PCT, KCC and community based partners. This will form a major element of a new Health Improvement Partnership for Thanet.

This challenging role would suit an EHO who wants more than a normal caseload and is seeking the opportunity to engage with the health improvement agenda. With Thanet having some of the most beautiful and the most deprived landscape in the south-east it is an area that requires strong environmental enforcement and a positive approach to health inequalities. You will be empowered to work with minimal supervision to undertake a wide range of environmental health functions. A high degree of initiative and technical knowledge is required with the ability to approach problems in a professional and scientific manner. You must be able to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, with persons from all walks of life and to develop joint working with other agencies and the community. Negotiating within a partnership setting to obtain the best value for Thanet is a key skill requirement.

The closing date for this position is: Friday 21 December 2007
Interviews will be held: Monday 21 January 2008

Benefits Officer

Salary - £16,134 - £23,079 per annum

The main duties of the post include the assessment and payment of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit through the Council's modern integrated computer systems.

This position is situated within a large section offering a variety of opportunities for progression and personal development. Candidates will be expected to absorb and put into practice a considerable amount of training and legislative detail. Emphasis will be placed on self-development and for this you will be required to demonstrate a sound educational background, preferably to A level standard or beyond, the aptitude for continuous learning and the commitment to see it through.

The closing date for this position is: Friday 7 December 2007
Interviews will be held: Friday 4 January 2008

All posts include generous annual leave, flexible working (some posts excluded), a 37-hour week, entry into a medical health scheme, subsidised bus pass, as well as access to the local government final salary pension scheme.

For an application form and job description for this position, please contact the Human Resources Department on (01843) 577175 (24 hours), e-mail personnel@thanet.gov.uk or, download an application form from www.thanet.gov.uk/jobs.

Thanet District Council is an equal opportunities employer committed to employing people with disabilities. Any disabled applicant who meets the minimum criteria for the posts will be guaranteed an interview.



South Kent College are currently seeking current/potential Lecturers in the following areas.

The Salary for Lecturers is: Unqualified £16,649 - £20,490
Qualified £21,105 - £25,967
(pro rata if part-time)

For a variable lecturer, the hourly rate is £14.89 - £23.23

Lecturer in Public Services **T1295**
Full-time ◦ Folkestone

Lecturer in Beauty **T1296**
27.5 hours per week ◦ Ashford

Lecturer in Hairdressing **T1297**
Variable ◦ Dover

Lecturer in Food and Drink **T1298**
20 hours per week ◦ Folkestone

We also have the following vacancy within our Learning Resources Department at Folkestone:

Learning Technology Co-ordinator **S2111**
£21,105 - £23,063
Full-time ◦ Folkestone

The closing date for receipt of all completed application forms is 5pm on Monday 10th December 2007.

For further information and an application form for any of the above vacancies, please contact the Human Resources Department on either 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answer phone), email humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment.

Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender age, disability, sexuality or religion.

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Expressions of Interest

Food Safety Service Contract

Swale Borough Council invites applications from suitable service providers who wish to apply for permission to tender to carry out food hygiene inspections.

You will be expected to carry out initial inspections of food premises in all risk categories B to D (except approved premises) and all associated administration. Situations requiring enforcement will be referred to the Council's in-house Team. Also to be included in the contract is the provision of the CIEH level 2 award in Food Safety in Catering training and the Council's Clean Food Award scheme.

The contract is expected to run for three years from 1 April 2008 (with the possible option to extend for a further two years).

Applicants should contact Brian Planner, Head of Environment and Amenities, in writing, enclosing suitable references, by 14 December 2007. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Bank and trade references will be required as part of a pre-tender questionnaire to be sent following expressions of interest.

The Council expect to invite tenders to be submitted by 31 January 2008.

For further information please contact Peter Lincoln, Commercial Team Manager on 01795 417106 or e-mail peterlincoln@swale.gov.uk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Gravesend Masonic Centre, 25 Wrotham Road, Gravesend
Applicant: Mr Anthony Stephen Theobald

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alford
Head of Registration, Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

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Applicant: Mr Kim John Edwards

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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD)
(TRAFFIC REGULATION) (No. 2) TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order that vehicles may only proceed on the length of road specified in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto otherwise than in the direction specified in Column 2 of that Schedule on or after 10th December 2007 for an estimated period of 30 weeks or until such works are complete.

The Schedule

(Temporary One Way Street)

Column 1 Affected length of road	Column 2 Permitted direction for traffic
Elwick Road, Ashford From its junction with Apsley Street to its junction with Church Road	North-west to South-east
Godinton Road (Slip Road), Ashford On the slip road from West Street to Godinton Road	North-east to South-west
Godinton Road, Ashford From its junction with West Street to its junction with Apsley Street	North-west to South-east

Date: 25th November 2007

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN ASHFORD)
(ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway works to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule below. The anticipated duration and time of the works are shown in column 3. The alternative routes for diverted traffic are listed in column 2. The order will come into force on or after 26th November 2007 for the estimated period of time or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

THE SCHEDULE

1. The affected routes	2. The alternative routes	3.
A28 Chart Road Ashford. Ashford From its junction with Templer Way (Railway Bridge) to its junction with Maidstone Road (traffic lights)	Templer Way, Simone Weil Road Roundabout and Maidstone Road	12/12/07-13/12/07 2 nights 7pm to 7am
A262 Sissinghurst Road. 'Three Chimneys' bends	Sissinghurst Road, Chapel Lane, Rogley Hill, Cranbrook Road, Benenden Road and Tenterden Road A262	10/12/07 – 11/12/07 2 nights 7pm to 7am
Benenden Road Biddenden. From its junction with A262 Tenterden Road to its junction with C256 Cranbrook Road	Tenterden Road, Biddenden Road, Oak Grove Lane, Ashford Road, East Cross, High Street, Rolvenden Road, Cranbrook Road, Tenterden Road	09/01/08 – 21/01/08 6 days followed by 3 nights 7am to 7pm then 7pm to 7am
Buckhurst Lane, Biddenden From junction Hareplain Rd to Borough boundary	Biddenden Rd-Frittenden, High Street, Frittenden Rd, Common Rd, The Street, Biddenden Rd, Sissinghurst Rd, Hareplain Rd	07/12/07- 12/12/07 4 days 7am to 7pm
Ashford Road, Kingsnorth. From its junction with Brittannia Lane to its junction with Romney Marsh Road	Romney Marsh Road, Malcolm Sargent Road, Wotton Road and Kingsnorth Road	

Any person wishing to make enquiries about the proposal in are requested to telephone 08458 247800

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works will start and be completed.

25th November 2007

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BENENDEN ROAD, BIDDENDEN)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Benenden Road, Biddenden from its junction with Tenterden Road to its junction with Sand Lane on or after Wednesday 28 November 2007 for an estimated period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for southbound traffic is via Tenterden Road, Biddenden Road, Oak Grove Lane, Ashford Road, East Cross, High Street, Rolvenden Road, Cranbrook Road, Tenterden Road with northbound being vice versa.

Mid Kent Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to lay new water mains. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Stone on 01634 873290.

Highways – Borough of Dartford

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
SHIP LANE, SUTTON-AT-HONE
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Ship Lane, Sutton at Hone, between Wood Street and A225 Main Road.

The Order will become effective on 26th November 2007, for two periods of up to five days in the following two months, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Main Road, Dartford Road, Barn End Lane, High Road, Church Hill, Hawley Road, Main Road, Highlands Hill, Swanley Village Road and Wood Street.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate drainage works to be undertaken.

Highways – District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BEACH STREET, DEAL)
(PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES) ORDER 2007
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BEACH STREET, DEAL)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)(AMENDMENT No 5) ORDER 2007

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above named Orders under sections 1(1) and (2), 2(1) to (3) and 3(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The first named Order has the following effect:-

BEACH STREET, DEAL — prohibit all vehicles, from the junction with Broad Street to the junction with South Street (the length of street fronting Nos 1 to 21) except for loading.

The second named Order has the following effect:-

BEACH STREET, DEAL — introduces no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) on both sides of the entire lengths from the junction with Broad Street to the junction with South Street (the length of street fronting Nos 1 to 21) except for loading.

The Order was made on 23 November 2007 and will come into force 26 November 2007.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Kent Highway Services, 2 Beer Cart Lane, Canterbury between 9am and 5pm and Mondays to Fridays and at Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SHEERWATER ROAD, WARE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because telephone cable renewal works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Sheerwater Road, Ware between both junctions with Wass Drove on or after 26 November 2007 for an estimated period of five days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Wass Drove.

Highways – Borough of Gravesham

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
GREEN FARM LANE, SHORNE
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Green Farm Lane, Shorne on the junction with Burdett Avenue.

The Order will become effective on 26th November 2007, for a period of one day or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Gravesend Road/Rochester Road, Chalk Road, Lower Higham Road/Lower Road and Green Farm Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate duct clearing works on behalf of BT.

Highways – Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BOWER LANE, MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
(SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY ORDER)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Bower Lane, Maidstone at a point outside 19 Bower Place when required on or after Monday 10th December for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via Tonbridge Road and St.Michaels Road, Upper Fant Road. The one way Order on Bower Lane is suspended to allow for access.

EDF Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works which are necessary for a new electrical supply. Should you require any further information regarding these works, their contact is Steve Bicknell of Murphy Ltd on 07920 150789.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HART STREET, MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Hart Street outside of the B&Q store on or after Monday 26th November 2007 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is via Barker Road.

B&Q Plc apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for external redecoration of the store. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Russ Griffin on 0238 062 5227.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND WAITING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 3rd. December 2007 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on Monday 3rd. December 2007 and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of twelve weeks.

SCHEDULE 1

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
B2010 Yalding Hill, Yalding from Vicarage Road to Small Profits. When required up to twenty-four hours per day Monday to Sunday	Northbound traffic via B2010 Yalding Hill/High Street (Yalding), B2162 Lees Road/Hampstead Lane, B2015 Maidstone Road/Bow Road, A26 Tonbridge Road, B2163 Teston Lane and B2010 Smiths Hill. Southbound traffic vice versa.
U 646 Battle Lane/U656 Park Road, Marden from B2079 Maidstone Road to Pagehurst Road. When required up to twenty four hours per day Monday to Sunday.	Southbound traffic via B2079 Maidstone Road, Albion Road, Thorn Road, Pagehurst Road and Marden Road. Northbound traffic vice versa.
B2079 Maidstone Road, Underling Green from A229 Staplehurst Road to Battle Lane. When required up to twenty-four hours per day Monday to Sunday.	South West bound traffic via A229 Staplehurst Road/Maidstone Road/ Station Road/Cranbrook Road/Rocks Hill, A262 Goudhurst Road/Cranbrook Road, B2084 Chequers Road, B2079 Marden Road/Goudhurst Road, Pattenden Lane and Underlyn Lane. North East bound traffic vice versa.
C69 Underlyn Lane at the junction with B2079 Maidstone Road. When required up to twenty four hours per day Monday to Sunday.	As for B2079 Maidstone Road

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

Highways – Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A229 STAPLEHURST ROAD, MARDEN/STAPLEHURST)
(ROAD CLOSURE) TEMPORARY ORDER 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway work's to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on A229 Staplehurst Road, Marden / Staplehurst, from its junction with Summerhill Road to its junction with Chart Hill Road. On or after 26th November 2007 for an estimated period of 2 days or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

THE SCHEDULE

The affected routes	The alternative routes
Staplehurst Road, Marden/Staplehurst From its junction with Summerhill Road to its junction with Chart Hill Road.	A229 Staplehurst Road, Linton Hill, B2163 Heath Road, Plough Wents Road, A274 Maidstone Road, North Street, Headcorn Road, High Street Headcorn, Biddenden Road, Headcorn Road, North Street, A262 High Street Biddenden, Sissinghurst Road, The Street Sissinghurst, A229 Rocks Hill, Cranbrook Road, High Street Staplehurst, Station Road and Maidstone Road.

Any person wishing to make enquiries about the proposal in are requested to telephone 08458 247800

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works will start and be completed.

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Highways – District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
RECTORY LANE, BRASTED
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Rectory Lane, Brasted between its junctions with A25 High Street and Coles Lane.

The Order will become effective on 26th November 2007, for a period of eight weeks or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A25 High Street, Church Road, Coles Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate road raising works as part of the flood alleviation scheme.

Highways – District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SANDGATE ROAD, FOLKESTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway investigation and repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Sandgate Road, Folkestone from the junction with Castle Hill Avenue to the junction with Earls Avenue, including the junctions of Trinity Gardens, Trinity Crescent and Clifton Road, on or after 26 November 2007 for an estimated period of eighteen months or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Castle Hill Avenue, Shorncliffe Road and Earls Avenue.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(THORNDIKE ROAD AND CHURCH ROAD, BURMARSH)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway repair works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Thorndike Road and Church Road, Burmarsh from as described in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order on or after 26 November 2007 for an estimated period of time as described in column 4 of the Schedule to this Order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as described in column 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Thorndike Road, Burmarsh.	Between The Green and Church Road.	Church Road, Eastbridge Road, High Street Dymchurch, Hythe Road and Burmarsh Road.	26 November 2007 for up to 7 days
Phase 2			
Church Road, Burmarsh.	Between Thorndike Road and the property called The Rectory.	Church Road, Eastbridge Road, High Street Dymchurch, Hythe Road, Burmarsh Road and Thorndike Road.	1 December 2007 for up to 7 days

Highways – Borough of Swale

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(LOWER ROAD, NORTON)
(NORTON ROAD, NORTON)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Lower Road, Norton outside the Old Rectory for 500 metres and Norton Road, from Provender Lane to Norton Lane for approximately 230 metres on or after 10 December 2007 between the hours of 09:30hrs to 15:30hrs for an estimated period of up to 10 days or until such works are completed.

The roads will not be closed at the same time. Each road will be opened when works are completed.

The alternative route for Lower Road, Norton eastbound is Lower Road, Norton Ash Road, A2 London Road. Four Oaks Road and Lower Road and westbound vice versa. The alternative route for Norton Road northbound is Tickham Lane, Noulds Road, Noulds Lane, A2 London Road and Norton Road and for southbound traffic vice versa.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to carry out aerial cable renewal works. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Tracy Zeal of A-Plant Lux Traffic Control & Management on 01666 8220000.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(DANE LANE, HARTLIP)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Dane Lane and Place Lane Hartlip for 700 metres on or after 26 November 2007 between the hours of 09:30hrs to 15:30hrs for an estimated period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for southbound traffic via The Street, Warren Lane, Matts Hill Road, Yaugher Lane and for northbound traffic vice versa.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to replace aerial cable to restore customer service. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Webb of A-Plant Lux Traffic Control & Management on 01666 8220000.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(LOMAS ROAD AND TONGE ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Lomas Road and Tonge Road, Sittingbourne from Church Road to All Saints Road for 500 metres on or after Monday 26 November 2007 for an estimated period of 21 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative routes for the route described above are for westbound traffic via Church Road, Church Hill, Hempstead Lane, A2 (London Road), Murston Road and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

EDF Energy Limited apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to trench the road for power cables to provide a new mains supply along Lomas Road and Tonge Road, and should you require any further information about these works, their contact is of Murphy Limited on 07920150801.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN SWALE)
(ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway maintenance works to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto on or after 26th November 2007 for an estimated period of four week's or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

The alternative for each route described in column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in column 2 of that Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

The affected routes	The alternative routes
Sandford Road, Sittingbourne. from its junction with London Road to a point 70 north of its junction with London Road.	A2 London Road, Staplehurst Road, Gadby Road and Sandford Road
Winstanley Road, Sheerness, from its junction with Trinity Road to its junction with St Helens Road.	Local Diversion to apply
Quay Lane / Conduit Street, Faversham, from its junction with Bridge Road to its junction with Court Street.	North Lane, South Lane, Ospringe Road, London Road, Canterbury Road, Love Lane, Whitstable Road, East Street, Cresent Road and Court Street.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when the appropriate signs are displayed.

Any person wishing to make enquiries about the proposal is requested to telephone 08458 247 800.

25th November 2007

Highways – District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIBERNIA STREET, RAMSGATE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because gas and electricity supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Hibernia Street, Ramsgate from the junction with Camden Road to the junction with Cottage Road on or after 10 December 2007 for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Camden Road and Abbotts Hill.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ESSEX ROAD, WESTGATE ON SEA)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because sewer connection works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Essex Road, Westgate on Sea from the junction with The Grove to the junction with Queens Road on or after 10 December 2007 for an estimated period of twelve days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Queens Road, Canterbury Road and The Grove.

Highways – Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
HORNS LANE, MEREWORTH
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2007
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Horns Lane, Mereworth.

The Order will become effective on 26th November 2007, for a period of one day or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Willow Wents, Butchers Lane, Beech Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate service connection works on behalf of Mid Kent Water.

Highways – Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(ROAD CLOSURE)TEMPORARY ORDER 2007

NOTICE is hereby given that to allow highway works to take place the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in column 1 of the Schedule below. The anticipated duration and time of the works are shown in column 3. The alternative routes for diverted traffic are listed in column 2. The order will come into force on or after 26th November 2007 for the estimated period of time or for a period not exceeding 18 months.

THE SCHEDULE

1. The affected routes	2. The alternative routes	3.
Biddenden Road, Frittenden. From its junction with High Street to its junction with Sand Lane	High Street, Frittenden Road, Common Road, The Street, (A262) Biddenden Rd, Sissinghurst Road and Hareplain Road.	07/12/07- 12/12/07 4 days 7am to 7pm
Rusthall Road, Rusthall. From its junction with Coach Road to its junction with Langton Road	Coach Road and Langton Road	14/12/07- 18/12/07 3 nights 7pm to 7am
A268 Megrims Hill, Sandhurst. From its junction with Sponden Lane to its junction with Silverden Lane	(A268) Megrims Hill, Rye Road, (A229) Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst Road, Hartley Road, B2086 Swattenden Lane, Benenden Road, Cranbrook Road, Mounts Hill, The Street (Benenden), Benenden Road, (A28) High Street (Rolvenden), Hastings Road, (A268) Sandhurst Road, Newenden Road and Queen Street.	18/12/07- 19/12/07 2 nights 7pm to 7am
High Brooms Road, Southborough. Complete length	Highfield Road (Revoked one way system)	07/01/08 – 08/01/08 2 days 9.30am to 3.30pm

Any person wishing to make enquiries about the proposal in are requested to telephone 08458 247800

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works will start and be completed.

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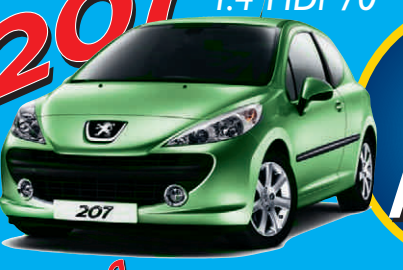
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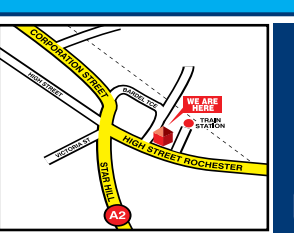
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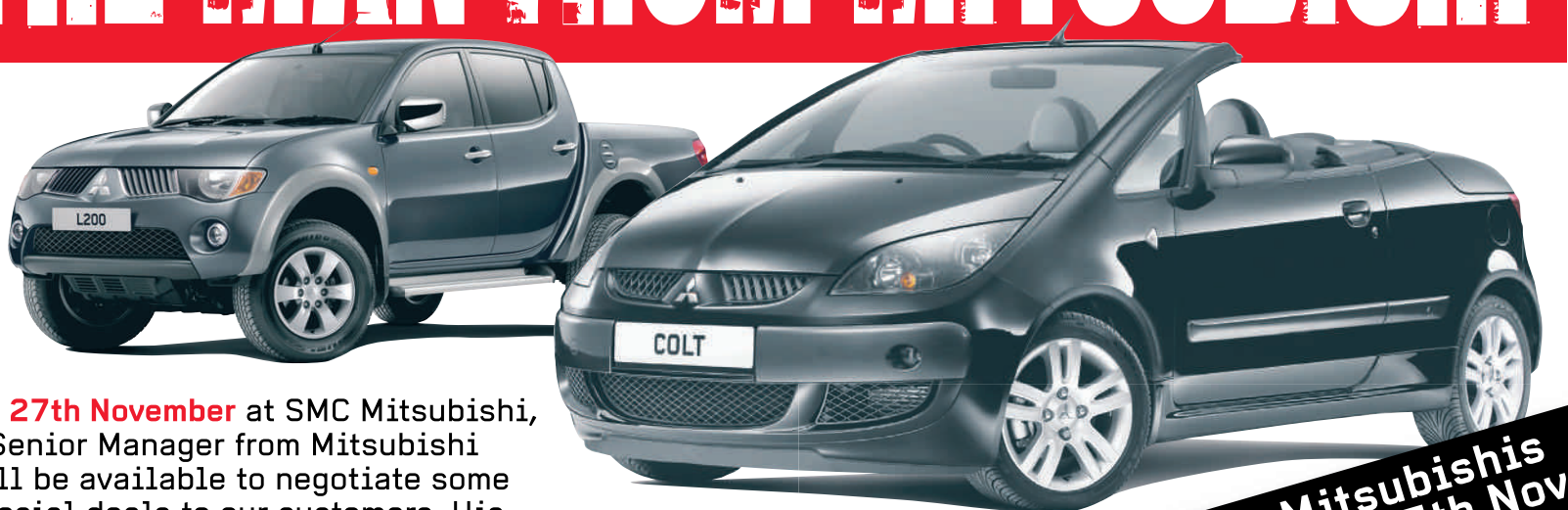






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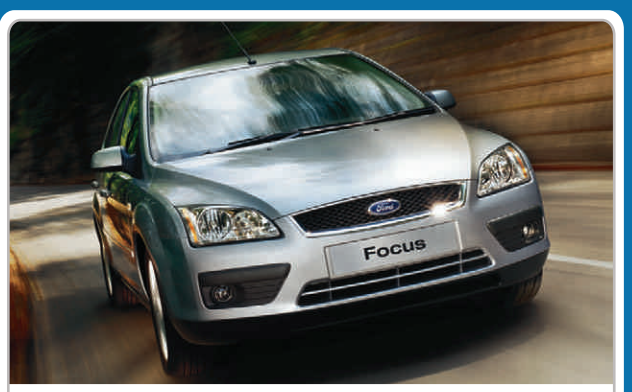
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DrivingReview



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Jaguar XK Coupé

Good ship Jaguar is back on course



LIKE the proverbial supertanker, Jaguar appears to be turning slowly from choppy to calmer waters.

Having swung the wheel though, Ford plans to jump ship; Jaguar's owner needs cash badly, so the famous British executive car maker is up for sale.

Still, whoever buys the company should get a viable concern if the new model trend continues; having sorted reliability and quality issues Jaguar management has also stopped listening to old buffer customers who demanded retention of traditional styles and values.

Instead, we have exciting new models such as the XF saloon, replacing the S-Type in March, and a radically different XJ saloon waiting in the wings.

But history should recall the supertanker turn began with the stunning XK Coupé and Convertible – a passage between 'old Jaguar' and new and featuring many innovations.

Firstly largely aluminium construction makes the XK some 25 per cent lighter than its key rivals, the equally svelte-looking Mercedes SL and the lumpier BMW 6-Series.

This enables the Jag to glide around bends instead of 'loading up' and digging in as you might expect from such a big car.

And while it is sure-footed, ride quality is straight out of Jaguar's smooth tradition so you get the best of both worlds.

Secondly the XK majors on safety features, including an innovative deformable bonnet that pops up in the event of collision with a pedestrian, to reduce the risk of head injury.

A third big plus is an interior that really does blend the style and quality of old Jaguar with the latest technology. The wood and leather version looks superb, but I prefer the alloy look (as pictured) that has attracted nearly 40 per cent of orders.

Whichever you buy though, the front seats are classy and comfortable, but the so-called rear seats wouldn't keep a five-year-old happy – I've had the earache to prove that one – so ignore claims that this is a four-seat coupé or even a '2+2'.

On the other hand, the boot is generous and capable of carrying two sets of those golf bat thingummys.

On the performance front, the 300bhp V8 does not disappoint, helped by the high power to weight ratio allowed by the aluminium body – 0-60mph arrives in less than six seconds – £10,000 more buys the loopy supercharged 420bhp XKR version, shaving a further second off that sprint time.

Even the 'cooking version' test car has the adrenalin pumping though, helped by the sound of that glorious V8. Apparently, Jaguar engineers became obsessive about excluding harshness and vibration, while still allowing the engine note to enter when 'Sport mode' and the accelerator are given some stick, yet the XK is serene during high speed cruising.

The six-speed gearbox works well with the V8 and changes seamlessly when in fully auto mode, while allowing creamy manual selection via steering wheel paddles when exploiting the big cat's feline handling.

But it is the style of the car that has changed the way younger would-be buyers and the rest of the motor industry look at the Jaguar brand.

Sure, there are echoes of 'Trad Jag' – notably the oval E-Type style grille – but there are stronger suggestions of the new look shown by the silky XF. Detailing is excellent, with aluminium-finish grilles and bonnet louvres,

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DrivingStats

- Jaguar XK Coupé £60,097.
- Range: Test car – £76,097.
- Garage stats: 4.79m by 1.89m two-door coupé.
- Powertrain: 4,196cc/300bhp V8 petrol engine driving rear wheels through a six-speed automatic gearbox.
- Performance: top speed 155mph and 0-62mph in 6.2 seconds.
- How green?: category-G and 269g per km CO2 emissions.
- Official fuel figures: combined 25mpg.
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 70.6 litres/15.7 gallons.
- Insurance group: 19.
- Warranty: three years/unlimited miles.
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Was the XK the start of a Jaguar revival? I hope so. And wouldn't it be great if achieved by innovation rather than tradition – the way Jaguar took off in the first place.

See Steve Loader's video road test of the Jaguar XK Coupé for Motors TV at www.carsforkent.co.uk

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04 04	NEW ASTRA SXI 1.6 5DR, BLACK SAPPHIRE	£7,495
05 05	NEW ASTRA BREEZE 1.6I 16V 5DR, BLUE	£7,695
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06 06	MERIVA LIFE 1.4 5DR, FLAME RED	£7,795
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04 54	CORSA SXI 1.2I 16V EZT 3DR, BLACK SAPPHIRE	£5,995
03 53	VECTRA ELEGANCE 2.2 16V AUTO 5DR, MOONLAND	£6,295
05 55	CORSA DESIGN 1.4 3DR AUTO, SILVER	£6,995
05 05	CORSA SXI TWINPORT 1.2 EZT 5DR, SCARAB	£6,995
04 54	ASTRA DESIGN TWINPORT 1.6 EZT 5DR, STAR SILVER	£7,495
06 55	CORSA DESIGN 1.4I 16V AUTO 5DR, BLACK SAPPHIRE	£7,495
04 54	NEW ASTRA CLUB TWINPORT 1.6 EZT 5DR, MOONLAND	£7,995
04 04	VECTRA DESIGN 2.2 5DR AUTO, STAR SILVER	£7,995
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07 57	JIMNY JLX 1.3 3DR, CATS EYE BLUE	£8,995
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CORSA							
2000	X*	Agila	1.2	5	Flame red	41,550	£2,650
1999	T*	Corsa Club	1.2	5	Star silver	68,50	£2,395
2005	05	Corsa Energy	1.2	3	Ultra blue	31,150	£6,250
2005	05	Corsa Breeze	1.0	5	Silver lightening	34,825	£5,495
2006	06	Corsa Life	1.0	5	Misty grey	27,250	£5,495
2006	06	Corsa Design	1.2	5	Ultra blue	24,575	£6,695
2006	56	Corsa Sxi CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	6,923	£7,995
2006	56	Corsa Active	1.2	3	Silver	2,100	£7,695
2006	56	Corsa Sxi+ A/c	1.2	3	Flame red	3,750	£7,495
2006	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Star silver	2,080	£7,495
2006	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Ultra blue	5,500	£7,495
2006	56	Corsa Design	1.2	3	Star silver	6,200	£7,295
2007	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	5	Black sapphire	3,310	£7,995
2007	56	Corsa Sxi +	1.4	3	Silver lightening	3,250	£7,795
2007	07	New Corsa Club A/c	1.2	5	Air blue	5,400	£8,995
VECTRA							
2005	55	Vectra Breeze Estate	1.8	5	Black	12,450	£8,695
2006	06	Vectra Exclusiv	1.8	5	Black sapphire	14,900	£9,495
2007	07	Vectra Exclusiv	1.8	5	Ultra blue	2,500	£10,995
2007	07	Vectra CDTi Exclusiv Est	1.9	5	Metro blue	12,050	£13,995
2007	07	Vectra Sri CDTi (150ps)	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	8,750	£17,695
SIGNUM							
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	2.2	5	Oyster	50,375	£6,995
2005	55	Signum Exclusive	2.2	5	Grey	33,100	£9,995
2007	07	Signum Design CDTi Auto	1.9D	5	Pannacotta	6,350	£16,995
ASTRA							
1999	T*	Astra Estate Ls Auto	1.6	5	Carridge green	48,700	£2,850
2003	03*	Astra Active	1.6	5	Flame red	76,300	£3,695
2004	54	New Astra Club E/T	1.6	5	Papyrus	16,000	£7,495
2004	54	New Astra Sri	1.8	5	Silver lightening	26,000	£8,495
2004	54	New Astra Club	1.6	5	Black sapphire	29,450	£7,495
2005	05	New Astra Estate Design	1.8	5	Breeze blue	33,700	£8,995
2005	55	New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Silver lightening	11,680	£8,495
2006	56	New Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	8,450	£9,795
2006	56	New Astra Sxi Sports	1.4	3	Black sapphire	11,225	£10,495
2007	07	New Astra Sri Sports (150ps)	1.9D	3	Flame red	5,400	£17,995
2007	07	New Astra Est Energy CDTi	1.3D	5	Metro blue	11,900	£11,995
2007	07	New Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Black sapphire	7,500	£10,495
2007	07	New Astra Club	1.6	5	Panacotta	9,800	£9,995
2007	07	New Astra Sxi CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	7,550	£10,995
2007	07	New Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening	7,950	£10,995

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MERIVA							
2003	53	Meriva Design	1.8	5	Star silver	41,050	£5,995
2004	04	Meriva Design MTA	1.8	5	Ultra blue	35,000	£6,995
2005	54	Meriva Breeze CDTi	1.7D	5	Silver lightening	38,000	£7,495
2005	55	Meriva Breeze E/T	1.6	5	Flame red	14,400	£7,495
ZAFIRA							
2003	03*	Zafira Club	1.6	5	Mirage	65,650	£5,195
2006	06	Zafira Design CDTi Auto	1.9D	5	Black sapphire	16,890	£13,995
OTHER MAKES							
2004	04	Ford Focus Zetec Climate	1.8	5	Black	28,800	£6,150
2003	03*	Renault Scenic Fidji	1.4	5	Silver	28,870	£4,650
DUE SOON							
2003	03	Corsa Active	1.0	3	Ultra blue	29,000	£4,495
2003	53	Corsa Active	1.0	3	Flame red	20,000	£4,995
2005	05	Corsa Life	1.0	3	Spearmint silver	9,000	£4,995
2005	05	Corsa Energy	1.0	5	Flame red	13,000	£5,695
2007	07	New Corsa Club Auto	1.4	5	Star silver	8,500	£9,995
2004	04	Meriva Enjoy	1.6	5	Breeze blue	47,000	£5,995
2002	02*	Astra Comfort Auto	1.6	5	Nocturno blue	27,000	£3,995
2003	53	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Star silver	33,000	£7,995
2004	04	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Silver	35,000	£8,695
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2007	07	Vivaro	1.9 D SWB		White	9,400	£10,995+VAT
2007	07	Combo	1.3CDTi		White	13,600	£7,995+VAT
2007	07	Astravan	1.3 CDTi		White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT
2006	56	Movano	2.5 CDTi LWB		Silver	3,000	£14,350+VAT
2006	56	Movano	2.5CDTi MWB		White	16,200	£10,995+VAT
PRE REG VEHICLES							
2007	07	Corsavan	1.3 CDTi		White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT
2006	56	Astravan	1.3 CDTi Club		White	Delivery	£7,495+VAT
2007	07	Combo	1.3D Crew van		White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT
2007	07	Combo	1.3D Crew van		White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT
2007	07	Movano	2.5 CDTi LWB		Silver	Delivery	£14,995+VAT
USED SELECTION							
2004	54	Astravan	1.7 Envoy CDTi		White	23,600	£5,995+VAT
2006	56	Astravan	1.3 CDTi		White	9,800	£6,995+VAT
2007	07	Astravan	1.7CDTi		Star silver	5,050	£7,995+VAT
2006	56	Combo	1.3 CDTi		White	10,260	£7,495+VAT
2006	56S	Vivaro	1.9D CDTi		Red	22900	£11,995+VAT
2006	56	Vivaro	1.9D CDTi		Red	9800	£11,995+VAT

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GETZ, 1.4 GSi, 2007, midnight grey metallic, 8000 miles, £6495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, Lx 1.8, 2003, black, 42881 miles, £4495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

PICANTO, LX 5dr, gf54opk, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, air bag, air conditioning, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, cd player, stereo, electric windows, red, 17000 miles, £4299, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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RIO, LS CRDI Diesel, 2007, red, miles, £8995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

SORENTO, 2.5 CRDi XS Automatic Diesel, insurance group 12 ex-demo parrot kit. telephone for full specs, black, 4542 miles, £22995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

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Defender, 110 Hard-Top TD5, ve03udp, power steering, rear wash/wipe, tow pack, 4x4, white, 55000 miles, £9995, BHRV, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

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FREELANDER, 2001, blue metalic with grey, 61500 miles, £4495, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FREELANDER, 2000, copper bronze metalic with grey two tone leather, 52000 miles, £4995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

SERIES 111, gfv853n, 4x4, new chassis and full rebuild, full soft top (new), 7 seats, defender front end panels. road tax is £180 per year on this vehicle. green, 0 miles, £6695, Diesel Centre, Staplehurst, 01580 890333 (TRADE)

MAZDA

323, ESTORIL, 1997, silver, 98000 miles, £1150, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

6, TS 2.0TDi 143ps New model, 2005, carbon grey metalic with black / charcoal, 39000 miles, £9995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

MAZDA2, .0 Sport, 19649, mazda mazda5 2.0 sport mazda mazda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher galaxy grey, 2006, 12101 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £13495, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAZDA2, .0i dr, 242649, mazda mx-5 2.0i 2dr mazda mazda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher grey, 2007, 4263 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £15395, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MAZDA2, .0 Option Pk, 56649, mazda mx-5 2.0 option pk mazda mazda Maidstone drake & fletcher grey, 2007, 4822 miles, manual, 2 doors, 1 previous owners, grey, £14889, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Maidstone, 0845 130 3275 (TRADE)

MAZDA2, .0i dr Option Pk, 160649, mazda mx-5 2.0i 2dr option pk mazda mazda Maidstone drake & fletcher silver, 2007, 3600 miles, manual, petrol, 2 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £14889, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Maidstone, 0845 130 3275 (TRADE)

MAZDA2, .0i Sport dr, 161649, mazda mx-5 2.0i sport 2dr mazda mazda Maidstone drake & fletcher red, 2007, 3800 miles, 1 previous owners, red, £15739, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Maidstone, 0845 130 3275 (TRADE)

MAZDA5, 2.0 Furano 5dr, gl56fnk, silver, 8500 miles, £13000, Lifestyle Ford Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

RX-8, evolve, 2006, red with cream leather, 10575 miles, £15995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)



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ZS, + 1.8, 2002, silver, 41124 miles, £4495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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COOPER, - 1.6, 170649, mini cooper 1.6 3dr mazda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher yellow, 2001, 26500 miles, manual, petrol, 3 doors, £8395, Drake and Fletcher Mazda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

COOPER, - 1.6, 370649, mini cooper 1.6 3dr hyundai hyundai Ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2001, 63583 miles, manual, petrol, 3 doors, 2 previous owners, silver, £6987, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

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L200, WARRIOR2, 33637, finished in black with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £9995, Caffyns Tumbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

COLT, 1.5 Sport, 2004, black, miles, £6995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

SHOGUN Pinin, 2000, met green, 55123 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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NISSAN primastar 2700 se, 092006, 1.9 dci 100 swb elec windows 6 speed cd blue 5.000 miles as new, £9995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

ALMERA, 2004, pas c/lock e/wind cd, black, 27650 miles, £4995, WJ King Vauxhall, Welling, 020 8303 1234 (TRADE)

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106, 1.1 Independence 3dr, gd51dxj, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, air bag, sunroof, radio, stereo, head restraints, rear wash/wipe, cd player, trip computer, power steering, metallic paintwork, aluminium silver, 83000 miles, £2290, Kent TDi Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

106, 1.1 Zest 2 Hatchback 3d 1124cc, 51, silver, 50, 000 miles, £2999.00, Bob Fisher Garage, Ashford, 01303 814131 (TRADE)

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306, 1998, green, 67509 miles, £1795, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)PROTON

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SATRIA, Li, 2004, metallic blue, 34000 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

SAVVY, Style 5dr, gn06cyf, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, height adjustable seat, parking sensor, power steering, abs, twin air bags, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, metallic grey, 20000 miles, £5490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

WIRA, Lxi 1.5, 2001, blue, 17000 miles, £2495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

RENAULT

RENAULT kangoo 865, 07 2000, 1.9d pas side door ex b gas blue fsh no vat, 0 miles, £2300, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE) renault kangoo sl 17 70, 10 2004, 1.5 dci side door ex bgas blue air/con 19.000 miles shelved, £4995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

CLIO, DYNAMIQUE 1.2 3DR, 2004, trim: cloth engine size: 1200 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, mercury, 19200 miles, £5495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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200, 214sei 3dr, t439jkr, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, folding rear seats, power steering, rear wash/wipe, radio cassette, due in soon, green, 63500 miles, £1695, Kent Motorvation, Maidstone, 01622 600 456 (TRADE)

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25, ll 1.4, 2002, blue, 46439 miles, £2995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

SMART

FORFOUR, 1.3PASSI, 132639, finished in silver with silver interior manual, silver, 25000 miles, £6495, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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MR2, GT T-Bar, 1990, only 2 owners, genuine low mileage, tax may 2008, mot october 2008, black leather interior, cd and radio.reluctant sale, white, 71500 miles, £1495, Kent, 01843 822929 (PRIVATE)

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MULTI-MEDIA: KOS Media MD Paul Stannard at the conference

Media companies offer top tips to business leaders

By **RICHARD PARSONS**
Business Publisher

THE major players in Kent's media came together to share their insider knowledge with the business community.

The Kent Media Conference, held at the Marriott Tudor Park in Maidstone last Friday, saw poachers turn gamekeepers for the day as speakers from diverse media groups within the county gave the audience some key tips on how to get the best from a mix of multi-media platforms.

These included both traditional local press, PR and radio, and the new possibilities offered by internet, online television and digital radio.

The morning was given over to a number of keynote speakers, including Paul Stannard, managing director of KOS Media, who talked about the ever-evolving media landscape, including the recent launches of broadband television channels yourkenttv.co.uk, by KOS Media, and kenttv.com, by Kent County Council.

Speaking after the event, Mr Stannard said: "The conference was a chance for the players and organisations to get together to better understand what media can offer Kent.

"It was great to see we have so many choices in Kent, more than anywhere else in the UK. Everybody was saying the same thing – you can't just do web or radio or print.

"We are all multi-media companies, you have to use all the elements to make it work, whether in advertising or editorial."

Other speakers included Hugh Murray from Invicta FM owners GCap Media, Northcliffe Media's Lesley Finlay and the Kent Messenger Group's Morag Welham.

Victoria Wallace, managing director of Leeds Castle, also presented some of the pitfalls to be aware of from the client side of working with the media.

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Women being short-changed

THE gender pay gap is continuing to grow, and currently stands at 22 per cent.

The Kent Institute of Directors described the figure as "disappointing".

The finding comes in the IoD's annual Directors Rewards survey.

Frazer Thompson, chairman of the Kent branch of the IoD, added: "It is even more surprising that the pay gap has actually increased from 19 per cent last year and in some sectors it as high as 26 per cent – we would really like to know why this remains such an insoluble problem?

"Unless we can achieve equality of opportunity in the near future, we will inevitably face further regulation in this area. It is wholly unacceptable that women in comparable positions do not receive the same rewards."

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'Cash flow is king'

FOLLOWING the recent sudden disruptions to the postal service and turbulence in the banking system, Kent companies are being warned to protect their cashflow.

Glitches in the system can cause strain on small firms, and with the holiday season on its way, more problems can strike.

That's the warning from Business Link, which said planning ahead could reduce headaches.

Simple late payment from customers is a major problem for 19 per cent of Kent companies while 57 per cent of the county's business leaders said they found chasing the non-payment or late payment of bills stressful.

Business Link adviser Ian Netherton said: "The old saying that 'cash is king' is as true now as it has ever been.

"Money is no use to a business until it is in the bank – and poor cash flow is the biggest killer of otherwise viable businesses."

THE accounting firm Horwath Clark Whitehill LLP has taken on a new partner in its corporate finance team. Geert Struyven, 39, from Ditton, came from BDO Stoy Hayward. He has specialised in corporate finance work since 1998.

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Pensions concerns could be misplaced



By **Liz Rule**
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THERE is a development in the pensions industry that many pension members may be concerned about.

Corporations are no longer just shutting down their final salary schemes to new members, they are actually getting rid of the schemes and transferring the liability to other companies.

For example, Emap has just moved its £170 million final salary pension scheme to Paternoster.

Paternoster is a little-known insurance company set up by former Prudential chief executive Mark Wood last year.

Effectively this means that when the 1,700 members retire, they will be getting their money from Paternoster, rather than Emap.

Other schemes such as Rank, Cable & Wireless, BAE Systems are considering the move as well, to limit their liabilities.

In order to move the liabilities to Paternoster and other companies willing to take on the liability, the scheme has to get a quote, and pay a fair and relevant price to the company taking on the scheme.

These companies are regulated by the Financial Services Authority, and are obliged to hold certain amounts of capital as financial security.

Therefore, if I was a member of such a scheme, I would feel more secure, rather than less secure, now that the money had moved into one of these 'buy out' plans.

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Thousands to take part in youth games

KENT'S strategy for the 2012 Olympics starts next week with the launch of the biennial Kent School Games which aims to entice 25,000 youngsters into sport.

The games are open to boys and girls from every primary, secondary and special school in the county. They will have the opportunity to take part in one of 21 different sports.

The games will be officially launched at the Astor of Hever School in Maidstone on Tuesday, with 400 youngsters engaging in a warm-up for the event which includes sports such as basketball and athletics.

World and European Paralympic Champion Danny Crates will be in attendance, talking about his sporting career.

Over the course of the games, 400 heats and area competitions are planned which are to be staged between Tuesday's launch and the finals in June next year.

Sporting events will be held at nine venues around the county, using 15 different facilities and in the finals there will be 52 different competitions resulting in 1,212 medals.

Kent County Council's strategy for the London Olympics is to entice more of the county's young people into playing competitive sport.

Teen set to race F1 and Le Mans aces

MOTORSPORT: Go-kart racer James Doherty will go wheel-to-wheel with two of motorsports most famous drivers today in the Johnny Herbert Karting Challenge.

Doherty will be up against former F1 driver Johnny Herbert and five-time Le Mans 24-hour winner Emmanuele Pirro.

The 15-year-old driver from Whitstable will be raising money for the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance in the challenge at The Raceway in London.

Doherty has had a successful year in the Junior Rotax Championship, finishing third. However, this race will be a real test of the youngster's race craft.

He said: "I jumped at the chance when I got the invite. There are going to be some very tough and experienced drivers out there. Let's hope I can beat them."

New venue to put runners on track

Plans to end athletes' 20-year wait for facilities

By **TOM HOWARD**

ATHLETICS in the county could be set for a major boost if a new state-of-the-art track and field facility gets the go-ahead.

The athletics track would be built in Maidstone and would be the first of its kind in the area. If the project is given the nod by planners at Maidstone Borough Council, it is hoped the venue will be used as a training facility for international athletes competing in the 2012 Olympic Games.

The town has never had a permanent athletics facility, which means athletes from the area have to travel to the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford, or the Deangate Ridge Sports Complex at Hoo, to train and compete.

Members of Medway and Maidstone Athletics Club have been striving for the past 20 years to get a facility in the area.

Opportunity

A partnership with Sutton Valence School has brought them a step closer to the construction of a state-of-the-art track and plans have been drawn up for it to be built within the school grounds.

A floodlit 400 metre all-weather track is part of the plans, along with facilities for all field events including long jump, javelin, hammer and high jump.

Club secretary Lyn Neeves told KoS: "I would be delighted to get this track. The town really needs a facility of this nature.

"This is a huge opportunity for us. We have never had the facility for our athletes to train and there is such a lot of untapped talent in the area and it is a chance for more children to get involved. We hope to get more coaches on board to start taking young groups for training sessions."

The development will be used by pupils from the school, athletics club and it is hoped training schemes will encourage newcomers to the sport.



NEW START: All-weather running track would be a major boost to the county's athletes

As the new facility has been earmarked as a pre-training camp for the 2012 London Olympics, the aim is to attract more young athletes from the county that could compete in the games.

Ken Burkett, of the Kent Schools Athletics Association, said: "The construction of the athletics track at Sutton Valence can only be a good thing for Kent athletics.

"We only have a few really good venues like the Julie Rose Stadium and the track in Tonbridge in the county. It should attract more children into the sport and with 2012 on the way, it could be key for their development as athletes.

"The people at Medway and Maidstone Athletics Club have been planning this for a while and it will be properly used and managed so it should be a success.

"A lot of athletes are lost to sports like football and in the Maidstone area they have nowhere to train, so football is often an easier option. Hopefully with the brand new facility this may change in the future and Kent will produce a 2012 Olympic champion."

A decision on the plans is expected in January.

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Supporters' group boss buys share in Fleet

THE head of the supporters group for new internet-owned Ebbsfleet United has admitted to KoS she has signed up to become one of the club's 20,000 new owners.

The Fleet were taken over by website MyFootballClub.co.uk last week, after 20,000 members paid £35 each to gain a 51 per cent stake in the Blue Square Premier Division side.

Now, Fleet Supporters Trust chairman Jessica McQueen has signed up to the website and is one of the club's new directors who will have a say in the running of the club, once the deal is finalised after Christmas.

She told KoS: "There has been a lot of change at the club in the last few months with the name change last year and now this. It has been a lot to take in for the fans, but I think they will all come round once they realise that if there hadn't been any change, the club would have gone part-time.



NEW ERA: Ebbsfleet has been taken over by website MyFootballClub.co.uk

"I have joined MyFootballClub and have paid my £35 and I believe it will be a success."

This week the Supporters Trust held their AGM and it appears most fans have warmed to the idea of being run by a website.

At the meeting, fans and members of Fleet Trust were given a 45-minute briefing about the takeover and voted unanimously in favour of it.

However, the buyout did come as a surprise to the Fleet fans but McQueen insists the added support is a boost for the club.

She said: "At first, when I heard the news I was shocked as any fan would be with a takeover like this occurring. I think the directors knew they had to do something because of the falling gates.

"Football is an expensive game, so the club need some kind of investment. Hopefully there will be a few big crowds in the coming weeks and they will give encouragement to the players.

"If it brings in more fans, then that is fantastic. We hope in the long term that the club will rise up the leagues."

The Gravesend club is still in talks with MyFootballClub representatives and fans will not get the chance to make any decisions until it has been legally agreed. However, McQueen feels despite the takeover, the club's existing directors will still have a major say in Fleet's future.

She said: "I think the detail of the fans picking the team is a red herring. The main thing is the club will now have its long-term future secured. The members will be given information by the manager regarding who to pick.

"I believe that if people abuse the system by picking players who are not right for the role deliberately, then the directors will have the final say on team selection."

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‘I’m a better player than when I first turned out for England’

Kent captain looks ahead to second season in the role and talks about how he has improved since overcoming injury



Inside view

With ROB KEY

BEING reappointed as Kent captain is a nice way for me to finish the year, but I am already looking forward to making 2008 even better then 2007.

Winning the Twenty20 Cup was a huge moment for the team last summer, but in many ways we could and should have done even better in all the other competitions.

However, with Joe Denly and James Tredwell deservedly winning England Lions selection this winter, and with a settled and close-knit squad that we will be looking to strengthen still further before next April, we are a team that I believe is moving forward.

As for myself, I was pleased that last summer saw a return to the sort of form that I expect to show. The previous couple of years had been very hard, with my shoulder problems and then the time it took to recover fully from the operation that I simply had to have done.

In essence, those problems affected me badly for two whole seasons. When my shoulder injury began, I was playing for England in South Africa on the 2004-05 tour but only getting on to the field because of a series of cortisone injections.

Obviously, I wanted to keep my place in the England team at the time, and it was a big disappointment when I was left out of things following that tour, because I really did feel that after 15 Test caps I was beginning to get to grips with international cricket at that level.

When I look back, though, I was far too naive and young when I first played for England in 2002, at the age of 23. To be frank, I didn’t have much of a clue about what I was trying to do. I just went out there and looked to hit the ball – which, in some ways, is not a bad thing, but overall is not really enough if you want to be a successful Test batsman.

The good news, as far as I am concerned now, after two long years spent getting my game back together and getting myself properly cricket-fit again, is that I am a far better player than I was when I played for England.

Tough times make you a better player, for a start, and I’ve been forced to deal with some of my shortcomings over the past couple of years as I had to come to terms with my injury and being out of England contention.

My aim was always to come back stronger than before, and I’m now sure that I can continue to do that.

My focus, at the moment, is totally on Kent and preparing for next season. That’s why I’m training quite hard and using the time off during the winter to improve my general fitness, while also hitting a few balls in the nets to keep my eye in.

It’s also why I’ve booked up a six-week trip to Perth, from late January onwards, to get some serious warm weather practice and training in, and to work extensively with my batting coach Neil ‘Noddy’ Holder, who is based out there.



TOP PICK: Joe Denley is touring with England Lions this winter

I don’t think it is any surprise the last two times I’ve had lengthy sessions with him in Perth – last winter while I was out there with the England Academy training squad, and before that three years ago before my excellent 2004 season – I have come back full of confidence about my batting.

Another thing that perked me up recently was receiving a call from David Graveney, the England chairman of selectors, telling me that I am officially one of the standby players for the upcoming tour of Sri Lanka – and, by inference, the New Zealand trip later on this winter, if initial selection stays roughly the same for that.

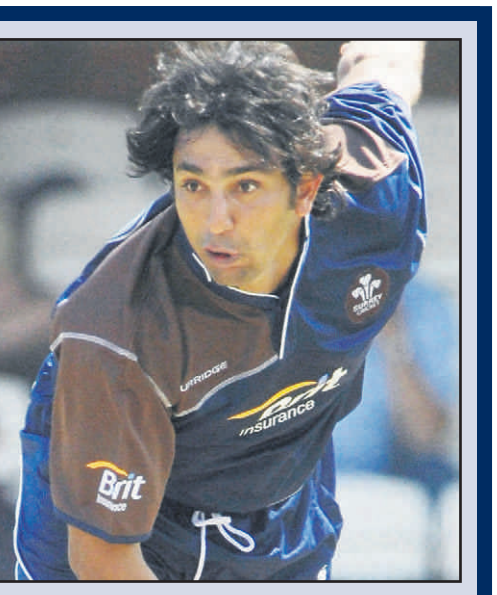
England are only playing three Tests in Sri Lanka, all in December, but if they have injuries to their opening batsmen then I’m one of those in the frame. That’s a long shot, of course, but it’s nice to know I’m still in the selectors’ thoughts and I will make sure I’m ready to go if any call does come.

When I look at Owais Shah and how long he’s had to wait before getting another chance at international level, it is easy to see that an opportunity will hopefully come again for me. Paul Collingwood is another source of inspiration for me: he had to wait until he turned 30 before he could establish himself as a Test cricketer.

I’m 28 and not yet at my peak as a batsman, but more importantly than that, I believe I’ve gained so much in terms of experience and know-how over the past few years – especially my time spent as Kent captain – that I would be very capable of grasping my opportunity if it comes again at Test level.

Last season’s improvement in our one-day form at Kent, for example, was largely down to us being experienced and shrewd enough to work out a game plan and then have the confidence to execute it. That knowledge only comes with experience, and although your natural ability will take you a long way, it will also only take you so far.

• ***Rob Key, the Kent captain and England batsman, is one of Kent on Sunday’s regular sports columnists.***



Skipper’s delight at the signing of ‘proven’ Mahmood

KENT have made their first signing of the summer after announcing former Surrey and Pakistan all-rounder Azhar Mahmood (above) has penned a two-year deal with the county.

The 32 year old will not be the county’s overseas player, however, as he has applied for British Citizenship and expects to receive confirmation in the next few weeks. It means he will play for Kent as an English qualified player and the county are still able to recruit one international star to their ranks.

The fast-medium bowler and explosive middle order batsmen made his entry into the Test arena against South Africa in 1997, scoring 128 in the first innings and 50 not out in the second.

During his career with Pakistan, he made 21 Test Match appearances and played 139 one-day internationals.

He is also an experienced county cricketer after serving six seasons with rivals Surrey.

A delighted Mahmood said: “This is a big move for me in more ways than one. I look back on my days with Surrey with great fondness, but the opportunity to utilise my British Passport and join a county such as Kent is one that will provide a fresh challenge for me and it’s something I’m really looking forward to.

“Kent has always been a county I have respected and will now become my cricketing home. I will be giving it my all, on and off the field. Robert Key and Graham Ford have plans for the club and I want to work with them and the rest of the squad in building on 2007’s success.”

County captain and Kent on Sunday columnist, Key said: “We are thrilled to have secured Azhar’s services. He is a proven cricketer of the highest level and will bring a vast amount of experience to our squad.

“He has been successful in all forms of cricket and in our recent discussions, he has shown a real desire to bring further success to Kent.”

Mahmood has signed a deal to take part in the Indian Cricket League this winter.

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IN WITH THE NEW

Stimson warns old guard as he signs five new players to bring transfer total to seven

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

GILLINGHAM manager Mark Stimson has thrown down the gauntlet to the club's senior players, telling them to either shape up or ship out.

Stimson unveiled the latest phase of his plan to transform the club this week, by bringing in five new players which could signal the end of the road for some of the existing squad.

The deadline for loan signings before January closed at 5pm on Thursday and Gills were one of the busiest clubs in the country, tying up one deal with just two minutes to spare.

With strikers Dennis Oli and Leroy Griffiths signing earlier this month, the deals bring Stimson's signings up to seven since he took over on November 1.

Of the new players, five arrived from non-league sides and the other two are inexperienced youngsters.

Only 18-year-old Adam Bygrave has no experience of league football and the seven new signings have only 185 league appearances between them. Averaged out, it equates to 25 games each.

Despite the lack of games played at the Gills' level, Stimson expects the players to cope with the step up to League One.

He said: "We are pleased, it is a good bit of energy coming in but also some quality. It's always a gamble, but after working with the squad over the last couple of weeks the players coming in are as good – and they will play with a desire and passion that the fans might not have seen much of this season."

The move to bring in so many new faces is likely to spell the end for some of the club's senior players.

Honest

After several players refused to go out on loan this week to gain first-team football, Stimson expects to be busy when the transfer window reopens on January 1.

He said: "That surprises me because when I am saying to them 'I don't think you are probably going to figure in our 16 for the next couple of weeks, go and play football' and they refuse, you have to question whether they want to play or are they happy just sitting earning their money.

"By the time January comes round, we will probably identify the ones that aren't needed at the club for the rest of the season and hopefully we can sort something out.

"There are certain players who have taken my ideas on and certain players who have not.

"All we can do is be honest with the players and tell them where we think they need to work and if they do that and roll their sleeves up, then they will get an opportunity.

"If they don't and they throw the dummy out like some of them probably will, then unfortunately some of those players won't be good enough for Gillingham."

There were doubts over the moves of full-back John Nutter and the highly-rated Adam Miller, who followed Stimson from his old club Stevenage Borough.

Borough chairman Phil Wallace described the first bids for the players on Tuesday as "laughable" and said his club would not do business with Gillingham until a compensation package was agreed for Stimson and his assistant Scott Barrett.

Gills chairman Paul Scally moved to agree a six-figure compensation package on Thursday and doubled the proposed bids for the players, which was enough to bring Nutter and Miller to Priestfield.

One figure to leave the club was first-team coach Iffy Onuora, ending his second stint at the club. After bringing in assistant Barrett, Stimson felt there was no room for another voice at the club.

He said: "You look at things and you have to make decisions. Unfortunately, Iffy had to leave us but I think he will go on and become a good manager or coach for another decent club."

Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON



Stimson's magnificent seven

1 **DENNIS OLI:** 23-year-old striker signed from Grays Athletic also on November 12. Former clubs include Ebbsfleet and Swansea. Scored no goals in 17 games for Grays this season but netted on Gills debut against Dagenham & Redbridge. Loan deal to become permanent in January.

2 **ADAM MILLER:** 25-year-old midfielder signed from Stevenage. Ipswich Town trainee, made four appearances for Gravesend and Northfleet in 2003. Went to QPR but only started 10 games in 14 months under Ian Holloway, so moved to Stevenage. Has an eye for goal – 11 in 53 starts for Borough.

3 **JOHN NUTTER:** 25-year-old full-back signed from Stevenage Borough. Played under Stimson at Grays and Stevenage. Signed loan deal on Thursday, to become permanent in January in a £65,000 deal with Adam Miller.

4 **ADAM BYGRAVE:** 18-year-old centre-back from Reading. No appearances in the first team but touted by the Royals to have a big future. Signed on Tuesday, 30-day loan.

5 **SHABAZZ BAIDOO:** 19-year-old QPR striker has played no first-team football this season. In 21 appearances in three years he scored two goals. Former Arsenal youth and played for England under-16s. Signed on Thursday in a 30-day loan deal.

6 **LEROY GRIFFITHS:** 30-year-old striker, signed from Lewes on November 12. Former clubs include Margate and QPR. 30-day loan.

7 **STUART THURGOOD:** 26-year-old midfielder from Grays. Began career as Spurs trainee, played at Southend and Shimizu S-Pulse in Japan. Was Stimson's captain at Grays. Signed loan deal on Thursday, to become permanent in January.

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